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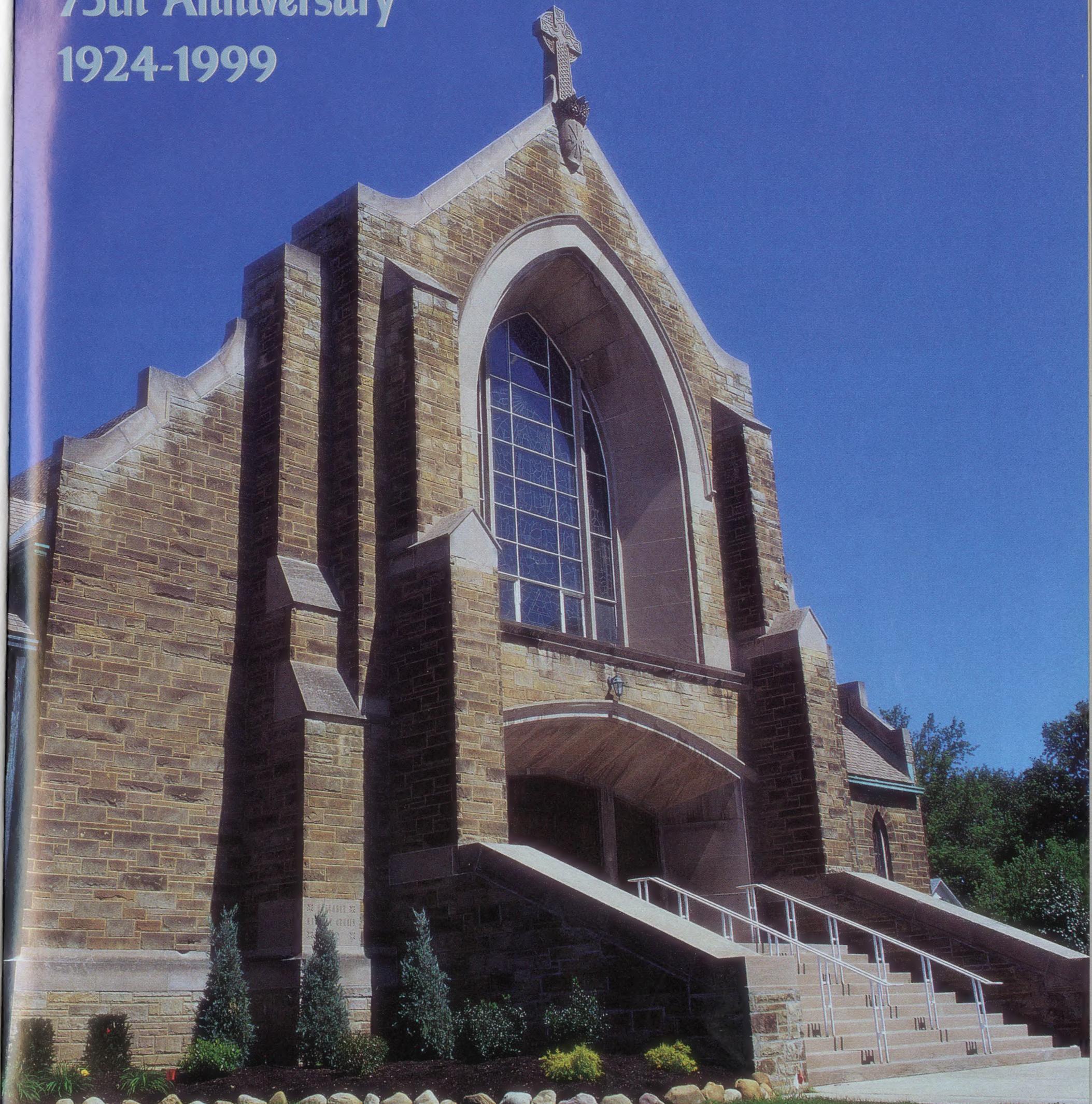
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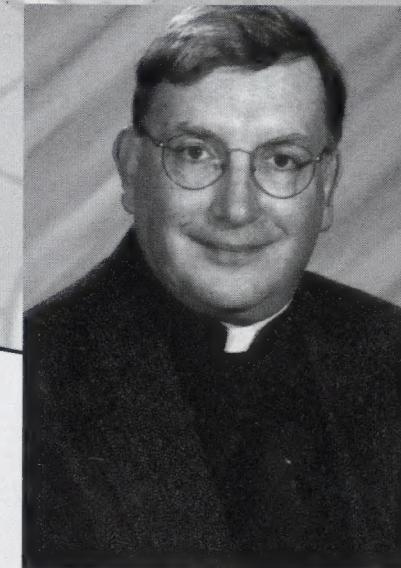
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Dear Friends,

The logo for our 75th anniversary year is a reminder that Holy Cross Parish was "founded in God's love." When Bishop Schrembs established the parish of Holy Cross in 1924, it was his desire that this parish be a strong sign of God's love in the communities of Euclid and Cleveland. This parish has continued to proclaim the Good News of Christ through worship, education, service and community. It is significant that this parish was named Holy Cross, reminding us of the central reality of salvation brought to all people through the death and resurrection of Christ.

From its humble beginnings in 1924 to this day, Holy Cross has creatively worked to build up a community of faith. Through the hard work of its early founders who faced the challenges of economic depression and war, a strong community was established in the name of Christ Jesus. The names of Kirby, Barnes, Sr. Mary St. John, OSU, and Cummings may be names known only through history, but they remind us of those who are the foundation of this parish. They, like countless others, named and unnamed in this chronicle, used their gifts of time and talent to establish and care for this parish. This history tells the story of a people who through success and failure struggled to bring about what is present here today. It is a history that speaks of the humanity of this people who supported and challenged one another in their resolve to establish and maintain this parish.

As you read and reflect on our history in the pages of this book, may we all be challenged to realize that our anniversary celebration is not about a past but about the present and the future. May our ancestors in faith who established this parish inspire us to build on their efforts and continue to proclaim God's love to our surrounding community. A special thanks to those who researched and wrote this chronicle. It is a great gift to a parish that rededicates its life for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

Sincerely,

  
The signature is handwritten in cursive ink and appears to read "John P. McNulty".  
Rev. John P. McNulty  
Pastor

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## Holy Cross Parish Prayer

**Almighty Father**, we join our voices

together to sing your praise.

Help us to grow stronger

as a community of faith and action.

**Lord Jesus**, you called each of us

to spread the Good News of your salvation.

Guide us to follow you and teach us

the true meaning of your most Holy Cross.

**Loving Spirit**, open our hearts

to the voice of our loving God.

Give us the strength to be

living witnesses of God's grace

to all in our parish, our neighborhood, our world.

**Holy Trinity**, we ask your blessing

upon Holy Cross parish and upon our parish mission.

Protect us on our prayerful journey

as we celebrate your everlasting love.



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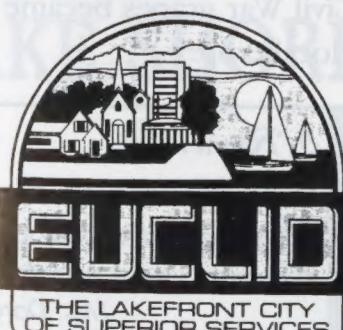
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# Once Upon a Time...

**T**he history of any parish is the story of both a people and a place. It is the people who make a parish what it is; the community who gathers together to worship, to pray, to celebrate life's milestones, and to support and encourage one another in good times and bad.

It is their spirit, their devotion and their shared love that make a parish strong. But the life of a parish is rooted in a particular place; a neighborhood with its own unique character, and the parish that is planted there grows along with the neighborhood, being both formed by it and transforming it. To tell this story well, we should begin with the story of the place that became Holy Cross Parish.

In 1795 the Connecticut Land Company purchased what became known as the Western Reserve territory from the U.S. government at a cost of 40 cents an acre (\$118,528 for 296,320 acres). The company sent Moses Cleaveland (a later mapmaker inadvertently dropped the letter "A") to survey the Southern shore of Lake Erie,

negotiate treaties with the Indians, lay out communities for settlement, and establish a capital city for the territory. Cleaveland brought a team of 66 surveyors, chainbearers and technicians with him. When they reached Conneaut, he left some of the men behind to begin surveying township borders as he continued the journey westward to the Cuyahoga River.

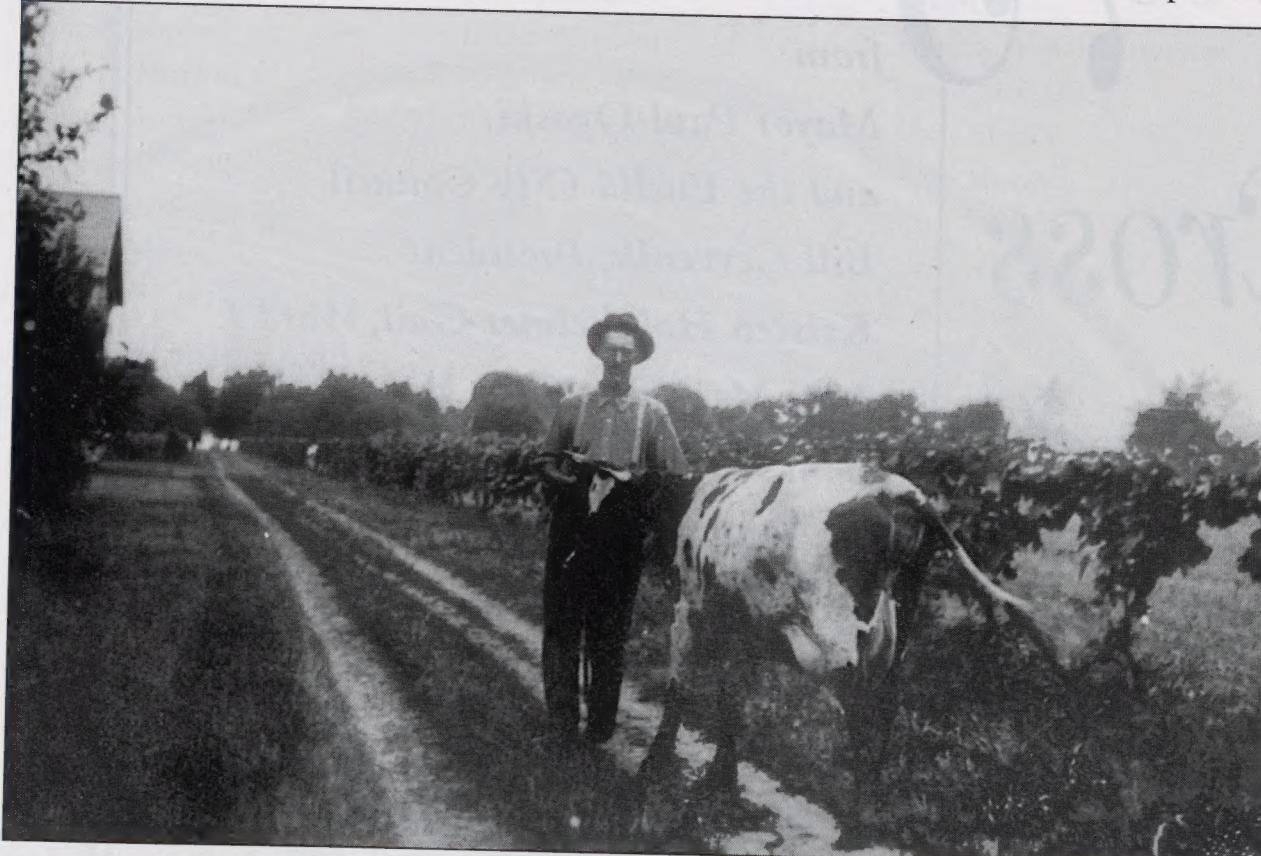
By late summer of 1796, the Conneaut group was threatening to quit unless they were given more of a share in the profits certain to be made from the land. The men worked under terrible conditions: their path was sometimes blocked by mosquito-filled swamps, black bears and rattlesnakes were a constant threat, and food was always scarce. To quell the impending



mutiny, Cleaveland arranged for the township east of Cleveland to be divided between the 41 men at a cost of one dollar per acre. The township was named Euclid after the Greek mathematician and "patron saint" of surveyors. It contained 16,000 acres and included the present-day communities of Euclid, Collinwood, Lyndhurst, Nottingham, Richmond Heights, South Euclid, and a small portion of Lake County.

The township was settled in 1797 by 11 families who built homes for themselves and planted two acres of wheat. Part of the agreement with Cleaveland had been for settling the area over a three-year period. Each year, a specified number of families was required to build, settle and sow a crop, otherwise ownership of the land would revert back to the company. Each household was given 500 acres in two parcels, one on the lakeshore and another further inland. The township was officially incorporated in 1809. The first residents, many of whom were German and Irish immigrants, worked for the railroads, in the stone quarries, or as farmers.

Looking around Euclid today, it is hard to imagine that only a hundred years ago this area was known more for its vineyards than its factories, but it is true. In the early 1800s, many local farmers discovered that Euclid's flat landscape and proximity to Lake Erie made this an ideal location for growing grapes, and in the years following the Civil War grapes became the predominant local crop.



Early parishioner Ambrose Dowd and "friend." Grape vineyards covered Euclid in the late 19th century – during the 1890s, 5,000 acres of vineyards stretched from Lake County to eastern Cleveland.

## I Remember...

"Taking the inter-urban car along Lakeshore (a dirt road) to Shore School to help set up the Altar for Mass."

–Mrs. Dorothy Cummings



At the peak of production in the 1890s, more than 5,000 acres of vineyards stretched from Lake County to the eastern outskirts of Cleveland. A small portion of the harvest was used for making wine (at one time the Utopia Beach Clubhouse was used as a grape storage and wine-pressing facility), but most of the crop was shipped as table grapes to eastern and mid-western cities via the Nickel Plate Railroad. During the 1870s, more grapes were shipped from Collinwood than from any other railroad station in the country. Grape production reached its maximum in 1899. After the turn of the century the soil was becoming "grape-worn" and the appearance of a destructive worm forced many growers out of business.

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By then, conditions were ripe for a major transformation. Improvements in transportation over the past few decades had been steadily bringing outlying areas closer and closer to downtown Cleveland. In the late 1800s interurban electric railways connected Cleveland with Akron, Warren, Columbus, Toledo, and cities all the way to New York and New England, with plenty of local routes between Cleveland and its neighboring communities.

After the turn of the century buses and cars began filling the streets, and the new ease of travel prompted a movement away from the pollution and noise of Cleveland to the quieter, more wholesome environment of the surrounding countryside.

## PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council was reorganized in 1992 to establish a line of communication between the Pastor and the parishioners. It is a consultative body addressing the needs of the parishioners. Members are elected and appointed, but all are welcome to attend the meetings. The Council hosts a Welcoming Committee, discusses fund raising, began the Elevator Fund, and instituted the five-year Survey and Planning committee, which examined the improvements/renovations to the Church and Hall. A Parish Town Hall Meeting is held annually.

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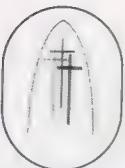
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# Planting the Seeds: The Founding of Holy Cross

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Prohibition had fueled the creation of an underworld of bootlegging, prostitution and gambling, headed up by the legendary gangster Al Capone. Jazz music and flappers scandalized the moral guardians of the day. It was the decade that gave us Mickey Mouse and the Charleston, radio and the first talking movies, Eskimo Pies and The Great Gatsby.

In the 1920s, Euclid Village was a quiet farming community that was poised to become one of Cleveland's fastest-growing suburbs. Property along Lake Shore Blvd.

was advertised as a park-like retreat with stately shade trees; gracious, inviting lawns; a winding creek for children to play in; and wide, sandy beaches. Lots in this waterfront paradise could be purchased for as little as \$590. Who could resist? Families began streaming into the new subdivisions that were being developed all along the lakeshore from Nottingham Road to the Lake County line.

To meet the spiritual needs of the growing Catholic population in the area, Bishop Joseph Schrembs established Holy Cross

Parish on September 19, 1924. The only other parish in Euclid at that time was St. Paul, which had been founded in 1860, and had for many years been the only Catholic church between Collinwood and Mentor.

Our founding pastor was the Reverend Dr. Thomas A. Kirby. He was born on September 12, 1885, attended St. Ignatius High School and College (forerunner of John Carroll University), and was ordained on September 23, 1911, in Rome,



Dr. Thomas A. Kirby,  
founding pastor

## I Remember...

Dr. Kirby as a "good friend and kind man."

-Mrs. Adeline Lawrence



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where he had earned a doctorate in sacred theology. Before coming to Holy Cross, Dr. Kirby, as he preferred to be addressed, had been an associate pastor at St. Columbkille Church on Superior Avenue, Chaplain of the Warrensville City Farm Colony, and pastor of St. Paul Church in Akron.

On Sunday, September 21, 1924, Dr. Kirby celebrated the first Masses in the newly formed parish at 8 and 10 a.m. Several hundred people made their way to the house at the corner of Lake Shore Blvd. and East 201st Street that is now the Knights of Columbus Hall. For some of them it was a long journey. Originally the parish was more than twice the size it is now; it contained within its boundaries the present-day parishes of both St. Robert and St. William.

Once parishioners arrived, they crowded into the three rooms on the first floor of the house that were being used for seating. The space was simple but adequate; a temporary altar was set up in the parlor and each room was adorned with only a single vase of flowers. The cramped quarters and humble surroundings did not in any way dampen the excitement in the air that morning. A Catholic Universe Bulletin reporter covering the occasion commented that "the spirit of devotion was real and fervent."

## Building a Parish

The task of forming a new parish is daunting at first, and Dr. Kirby was greatly encouraged by the eagerness of the assembled crowd. In his sermon that morning, he said:

*Every beginning has a difficulty, but I think this will be a cheerful difficulty when I view the enthusiasm of the presence of so many people here who have come long distances in many cases and have not minded the inconvenience of the trip nor the discomfort incidental to the arrangement of the house. It must be of course plain that it is our intention to erect a church as soon as possible. Not an expensive edifice but something comfortable and which will accommodate us and be the center of the spiritual life of the parish. Of course you know that alongside every church there should*



In the early days of the parish, Mass was held in the homes of parishioners, including the farmhouse of Ambrose Dowd.

*be the school. I believe you will make every effort and sacrifice to start the school, and when it is ready you will find that the parish will grow by leaps and bounds. I wish of course to tell you that I am willing and anxious to spend all my energy in this work and I know you will give me your hearty cooperation. In all our efforts we must not forget that anything we do is not for the priest but for the glory of God. No matter what the sacrifice, God will reward us hundredfold in this life and eternal life hereafter.*

Dr. Kirby collected the names and addresses of all who were present so he could begin the work of taking a census of the parish, and invited everyone to a meeting to be held the following Thursday at the home of Mrs. J.C. Koenigshoff at Edgecliff and East 209th Street. At this meeting six men were elected to the parish council. Fifty families were initially registered in the parish. On October 19, John Carroll Cline was the first baby baptized at Holy Cross. Interestingly, he grew up to become a priest and was ordained in 1950.

The rectory was in a house at 170 East 191st Street that the parish rented from



### I Remember...

*"The Christmas play when I played Mary, my son, Vito, was Joseph, and [my daughter] Lynette played baby Jesus."*

*-Mrs. Eleanor Scotes*

Dr. Kirby's brother. Holy Day Masses were held there. For the first several years Masses were also held in parishioners' homes - Mayor Charles Ely's home at 19620 Edgecliff, the Koenigshoff's home at Edgecliff and East 209th, and Ambrose Dowd's farmhouse on Lake Shore Boulevard between East 197th and East 199th were some of the favorite meeting places. As the parish grew in size, they rented the auditorium at Shore High School (now Shore Cultural Center). The Euclid Civic Association kindly donated the use of its club rooms and dance hall to the members of the parish for their social activities.

The location of the parish property was not settled until early 1925. Prior to that, the diocese had been negotiating with local realtors for a suitable site. In the profitable Euclid real estate market, competition for the sale of property along Lake Shore Boulevard was fierce. Knowing that a church in the neighborhood would be a powerful draw for prospective home buyers, the two prominent realty companies in the area went head to head, each trying to win the privilege of being able to house the new parish in their own territory. The offer that was initially accepted was that of the Knickerbocker Land Company, which intended for the parish property to be the centerpiece of its new Beach Homelands subdivision between Lake Shore Blvd. and Priday Ave. They donated a parcel of land south of the boulevard at East 204th Street



### I Remember...

Bob and Margaret (Talty) Miller shared these memories: Margaret's family moved to Holy Cross in the 1930s. Margaret had a part-time job at the rectory, keeping the accounting books for Dr. Kirby. At that time, the rectory was on East 191st Street. When Bob started dating Margaret, he would take the streetcar as far as Euclid Beach. From there, he could catch a Euclid cab, which would take him anywhere in Euclid for 25 cents. He took the cab to Dr. Kirby's, then walked Margaret home in the evenings. The Talty's lived on East 213th Street. Dr. Kirby would always suggest that Bob take the "long way home" in order to give them enough time to "say goodnight" to each other. All dates had to end by midnight so Bob could catch the streetcar back into Cleveland; otherwise, he would have to walk home.

A rather humorous incident occurred on their wedding day. They went through marriage instructions with Dr. Kirby; he even came to the rehearsal dinner the night before. To their surprise, upon arriving at the church, another priest was there to say the wedding. It seems Dr. Kirby had left early that morning to go fishing in Canada. They were married before the church was built, in the chapel on the first floor of the school. This was also the fourth grade classroom. Their children still kid around and say their parents were married in the fourth grade.

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and set aside 150 lots surrounding the parish property to be reserved for Catholic home-buyers. This location was advertised as the home of the new parish when the founding was first announced, and Dr. Kirby had told the parishioners about the donation of the property in his talk at the first Mass.

Unfortunately, the deal fell apart within a few months. A drainage problem in a swampy ravine area would have made construction on the site very difficult. In addition, Knickerbocker was having serious legal problems that forced them to switch the contract to a related group, the Parkland Development Company. That

prompted the diocese to reject the offer in favor of a proposal put forth by the S.H. Kleinman Realty Company, which controlled the property north of the boulevard in the Utopia Beach Club subdivisions.

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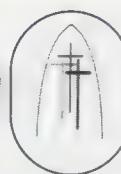
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# Putting Down Roots: The Beginning of the School

Once the site was settled upon, Dr. Kirby arranged for an architect to draw up plans for a combination church-school building.

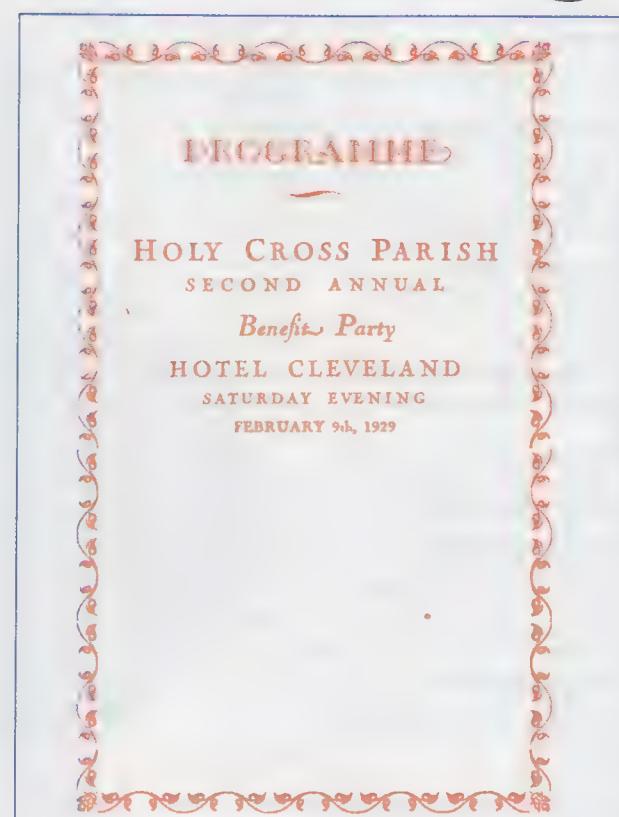
In May of 1926, when the plans had been completed and contractors' bids received, Dr Kirby wrote to the bishop asking permission to begin construction of the church-school.

## I Remember...

"My fondest memory of Holy Cross Church is that the first Mass was conducted in Shore High School. The Rev. Dr. Thomas Kirby was pastor. After Holy Cross School was built, I attended and graduated in the second eighth grade class who attended Holy Cross School."

-Mrs. Jean Murphy

He had been very thorough in his preparation except for one minor detail – the money. The estimated cost of the building was \$141,000 and so far the parish had not raised any of it. The Bishop replied that unless he received pledges of at least half of the total, and cash donations of one-third the total cost, he could not in good conscience allow the parish to assume such a large financial burden. "Put this matter squarely before your people," the bishop told him, "and I am sure their sense of Catholic loyalty will stand behind you."



Elegant dinner-dances were held to benefit the new school.

The Bishop's confidence was not in vain, and on August 15 of that year the cornerstone of the school building was laid by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Smith, Vicar General of

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Sr. Mary Irma Franko, Principal	1932-33,	Sr. Mary Robert McGregor	1954-55	Sr. Mary Bartholomew McCaffrey	1969-72, 1984-90	Mrs. Janefrances Welsch	1984-86
Sr. Mary Jeanne Mastny, Principal	1947-53	Sr. Mary Damian Metzung	1954-57	Principal	1990-91	Miss Mary Kilkenny	1986
Sr. Mary Agnes Rose	1933-34	Sr. Mary Jude Deyer	1954-67	Sr. Miriam Fidelis Pinchot	1970-73	Mrs. Meg Michelbrink Reese	1985-90
Sr. Mary Inez Wagner	1933-34	Sr. Mary Ruth Ann Auckley	1955-59	Sr. Patrick Marie Walsh	1970-76, 1990-91	Miss Cheryl Panchur	1985-87
Sr. Mary Marcella Lang, Principal	1933-34	Sr. Mary Raymond McGinnis	1955-62	Miss Patricia Ebert	1970-74	Mrs. Sandra Gonsowski	1985- present
Sr. Mary Eileen Mylott, Principal	1934-35	Sr. Margaret Ellen Rooney	1956-62	Mary Frances Manak	1970-71	Mrs. Eileen Hansen	1985-89, 1991- present
Sr. Mary Cecilia Manning, Principal	1935-39	Sr. Mary Anne Clare Asbeck	1956-64	Miss (Sr.) Patricia Mulhern	1970-75, 1986-88	Mrs. Melanie Kelly	1985-86
Sr. Mary Annette Hoste	1939-45	Rosemarie Klements	1957-58	Catherine Robinson	1970-74	Mrs. Kathleen Steffens	1985-86
Sr. Charlotte Graf	1934-39	Mrs. Margaret Braksator	1957-70	Sr. Mary Francis Regis Mueller	1971-76	Mrs. Mary Lynne Kordet, Librarian	1985-99
Sr. Cornelia Wismer	1934-37	Mrs. Mary Louise Schonauer	1957-75	Sr. Kathleen Foster (Mary Monica)	1971-78	Sr. Mary Sterle	1986-89
Sr. Mary Jane Gilmore	1935-40	Miss Mary O'Neill	1958-61	Deborah Grace	1971-72	Mrs. Mary Eiermann	1986- present
Sr. Mary Matthew McGinnis	1935-48	Sr. Mary Columba McDonough	1958-65	Mr. Nicholas Grassi	1971-72	Miss Phyllis Harig	1986- present
Sr. Mary Jarlath Henahan	1937-41	Mrs. Coletta Te Pas	1958-67	Sr. Marie de Lourdes Whittaker, Principal	1972-78	Mrs. Jill Rusnak Cahn	1987-91
Sr. Mary Stephen Curran	1940-44	Mrs. Mary Denk	1958-66	Sr. Mary Jane Gilmore	1972-78	Mrs. Mary Carney	1987- present
Sr. Mary Nativa Ryan, Principal	1941-44	Mrs. June Schulze	1958-64	Georgeane Latsko Volkmann	1972-78	Miss Carla Keck	1987-88
Sr. Mary Lucina Heiland	1942-43,	Sr. Mary Elizabeth Conroy	1959-62	Miss Jocelyn Melito	1972-84	Mrs. Mary Louise Ezzo	1987- present
Sr. Mary Kenan Dulzer	1942-44	Sr. Mary Vincent Kilroy	1959-63	Marianne Sbrocco	1972-73	Sr. Therese Horan	1988-89
Sr. Mary St. Joseph Stanton	1943-45	Miss Browske	1959-63	Virginia Landi	1973-77	Mr. James Cozzarin	1988-90
Principal	1963-39	Sr. Mary Teresa	1960-61	Sr. Joan Petersen (Mary Howard)	1973-77	Mr. Brian Dolan	1988-89
Sr. Anne Marie Kocab (Mary Afra)	1943-50	Mrs. Marilyn Kadlec	1960-61	Sr. Mary Inez Wagner	1973-78	Mrs. Janis Shean	1988- present
Sr. Mary Philomena Van Tuck	1944-46	Mrs. Jeanne Lyons	1960-66	Sr. Rosalia Troha	1974-77	Sr. Marilynn Kozak	1989-90
Sr. Therese Marie Unferfate	1944-49,	Miss Amelia Ponge	1960-61	Denise Swope	1974-75	Mrs. Mary Ellen Archacki	1989-97
Sr. Mary Clotilde	1944-46	Sr. Mary Paulinus	1961-64	Miss Barbara Hanus (Mrs. Smeltzer)	1975-78	Mrs. Donna MacGillis	1989-96
Sr. Mary Christine Kennelly	1945-46	Sr. Anna Margaret	1961-64	Victoria Opalecky	1975-77	Miss Beverly Moore	1989-91
Sr. Mary Leonard Brown, Principal	1945-46	Sr. Marilyn Scott	1961-66	Mr. Kenneth Pintwala	1975-76	Miss Kathleen McGinty	1989-90
Miss Catherine Melville	1945-46	Mrs. Mary C. Farrar	1961-64	Miss Regina Smith (Mrs. Gorman)	1975-77	Mrs. Patricia Patterson	1990-97
Sr. Mary Anna Margaret Gilbride (James Francis)	1946-47	Mrs. Mary Flannery	1961-67	Miss Laura Thomas (Mrs. Koeth)	1975-84, 1997- present	Mrs. Marian Patterson	1990- present
Mrs. McNeely	1946-57	Miss Tichulko	1961-62	Sr. Carol Pelegin	1976-77	Miss Laura Dickinson	1990-91
Sr. Joann Kessler (Mary Herman)	1946-48,	Miss Carol Rado	1961-62	Sr. Maureen Kelly	1976-78	Mrs. Marilyn Zupan Hahn	1990-92
Sr. Mary Rose McLaughlin	1950-52	Sr. Mary John Patrick	1962-64	Sr. Mary Josetta Reuss	1976-79	Mr. Daniel Brickman	1991-94
Sr. Mary Chaminade Grisez	1946-49	Sr. Gale Marn (Mary Janet)	1962-63	Miss Marian Jansa	1976-78	Mrs. Kathleen Gibbons Miller	1991-97
Sr. Renee Oliver (Marie Rene)	1946-52	Sr. Winifred Weir (Thomas Marie)	1962-65	Sr. Jean Miller Principal	1977-84	Mrs. Patricia Pillar	1991- present
Sr. Monica Marie	1948-49	Mrs. Helen Crowley	1962-75	Sr. Mary Alice Fitzgerald	1978-84	Mrs. Karen Maloney	1991- present
Sr. Mary Ann Martin	1948-51	Miss Joanne Lunka	1962-66	Sr. Catherine Ann DiVito	1977-82	Sr. Mary Assunta Spies	1992- present
Sr. Catherine Therese	1949-51	Sr. Maria Goretti	1963-66	Miss Kristina Aukstuolis	1977-79	Mrs. Kathy Zagar, Art	1992-93
Sr. Lois Petersen (Marie Colette)	1949-50	Sr. Mary Melaine Zsoka	1963-65	Miss Cynthia O'Hare	1977-84	Mr. Albert Bartucci	1994-95
Sr. Mary Terrence McCormack	1949-53	Sr. Mary Elise	1964-65	Miss Giovanna Coccia	1977-86	Mrs. Sharon Miller	1996- present
Sr. Mary Thomasina Joyce, Principal	1949-54,	Sr. Mary Boniface	1964-66	JoAnn Wolf	1977-81	Mrs. Anne Hribar	1996-98, 1999- present
Sr. Mary Winifred Therese	1972-76	Sr. Francis Mary Bohan	1964-69	Sr. Lucy Garla	1977-78	Mrs. Jeanne Assing- Schroeder	1997-99
Sr. Margaret Whittaker (Margaret Rose)	1950-51	Sr. Joseph Mary Boylan	1964-74	Sr. Mary St. Ann Waldron	1978-79	Miss Christin Fogarty	1997- present
Sr. Linda Martin (Mary Anastasia)	1950-63	Sr. Mary Sebastian Boylan	1964-74	Sr. Marie Canice Kilkenny	1978-86	Mrs. Rebecca Rymarczyk	1997-99
		Miss Sharon Justin (Mrs. Sharon Stupica)	1964-67,	Sr. Mary Mackin	1978-82	Miss Dawn Jerele	1998-99
			1981-89	Miss Mary Beesing	1978-79	Miss Kimberly Ivec	1999- present
			1990- present	Mrs. Patricia Croniger	1978-89	Mrs. Margaret Bennish	1999- present
		Sr. Martin Mary Higgins	1965-66	Joan Holmes	1978-79		
		Sr. Mary Lucia Vasko	1965-68	Susan Pardi Lytle	1978-81		
		Sr. Elaine Buynack (Mary Martina)	1965-71	Karen Sitko	1978-79		
		Mrs. Anna Archibald	1965-82	Sr. Patricia Kukwa	1979-80		
		Miss C. Smith	1965-66	Karen Estok Rossman	1979-85, 1999- present		
		Sr. Mary Gerard Shannon	1966-67		1979-81		
		Sr. Mary Maurice Toohig	1966-67	Victoria Manno Fox	1979-81		
		Sr. Mary Muriel Gallavan	1966-67				
		Sr. Mary Gemma Stracka	1966-70				
		Mrs. Marilyn Anziano	1966-67				
		Mrs. William Putre	1966-67				
		Mrs. Eileen Colan	1966-68				
		Sr. Mary Evelyn Waday	1967-69				
		Sr. Linda Martin (Mary Anastasia)	1967-70				





### I Remember...

"One of my most moving moments was the day I was introduced to the parishioners as a new Eucharistic Minister. This was something I truly wanted to do, but didn't know if I was worthy. This has been a very rewarding and spiritual time for me... The Legion of Mary is one of my favorite organizations because it brings spiritual growth by visiting the sick and homebound. To see the people so happy to see you, makes you feel good, too!"

-Mrs. Mary Shafer

cost of educating one child was \$100 per year. A bimonthly list of contributions to the parish was published that included the name of each donor and the amount of the gift. A message from the pastor on one of the lists reminded parishioners that "every-



The first floor of the school served as a church until 1953.



The original school building was completed in 1926.

### HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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THIS list of contributors and contributions is for Nov., Dec. and Christmas, 1929, if there are any mistakes kindly notify the pastor and proper correction will be made. Not all wage earners are on this list for the simple reason that we have no record of their contributions. Everyone should take pride in the sense of knowing that they are trying to fulfill their obligations. In case anyone cannot give what they would like to, we are willing to consider them in the light of those who are contributing generously. This list will be published every second month and we hope it will grow in numbers and in contributions. What does the pastor do with all the money? Our current expenses monthly are at least \$1,500.00. Our cost of educating one child is \$100.00 per year. This and all sorts of entertainment. You ought to realize your duty and be willing to help in the various ways which are offered to you.

Sunday Masses are now at 8:00, 10:30 and 12:00  
HOLY CROSS CHURCH

We appreciate the generosity of everyone and also the help given by various groups and individuals in raising money for the Parish by Parties, Entertainments and Bazaars. Without these we could not carry on.  
KEEP ON PERSEVERING.  
Those who refuse to help in any way place a double burden on the others.

one should take pride in the sense of knowing that they are trying to fulfill their obligations. In case anyone cannot give what they would like to, we are willing to consider them in the light of those who are contributing generously." But, he also pointed out,

"those who refuse to help in any way place a double burden on the others."

By 1930, Holy Cross had grown to 310 families - large enough to be assigned its first assistant pastor. Fr. William Rooney arrived from St. Brendan Parish in Youngstown to help Dr. Kirby meet the needs of the growing parish.

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AND CHRISTMAS		
	XMAS	XMAS
E. T. Samuel	6.00	3.00
Mary Mariewski	7.50	5.00
McCormack	3.50	
Kia R. Conroy	14.50	5.00
Noonan	6.50	2.00
Murphy	.10	
Stefancic	2.00	2.00
McKinney	2.25	3.00
Weller	.80	5.00
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Mrs. Mary Ahern		
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W. Beuck		
Paul Brunner		
J. H. Byrne		
Jack Christopher		
Geo. M. Coghill		
L. L. Constantine		
Jeannette Covin		
Ruth Cowin		
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Jeanne Deahl		
Master J. Roger Deery		
Master J. Roger Deery		
May E. Farley		
Mrs. Catherine Frey		
atherine Freeman		
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Hill		
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Margery Richter		
Mrs. M. K. Robeds		
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Wm. Sheer		
Ethyl Stenger		
R. J. Taylor		
Ted VonLehden		
Miss H. Volk		
Mrs. Harry Hronradka		
Mrs. P. McNamara		
Irene Mathe		
Thos. P. Molloy		
R. E. Morgan		
Miss Marie O'Neill		
J. E. Palko, Jr.		
Mr. and Mrs. Penoti		
J. F. Plute		
R. J. Ranft		
Robert Richter		
S. A. Rudy		
Mrs. K. Seifert		
Mrs. Mary Stauffer		
Tony Syracuse		
Mrs. J. H. Urban		
F. W. Volk		
Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Werfel		
Mrs. Mary McGrath		

A bimonthly list was published to recognize contributors to the parish.

### CLOSING EXERCISES

### Holy Cross School

FRIDAY—SUNDAY

June 8th, 10th, 1928

8:00 P. M.

By 1928, 250 children were enrolled in Holy Cross School.



# A Season of Drought: The Depression

Holy Cross had gotten off to a wonderful start, growing quickly and establishing itself in its first six years of life, but the initial success was followed by a series of setbacks that threatened the future of the parish and challenged the faith and perseverance of its members.

The Great Depression hit Holy Cross particularly hard. The number of families in the parish began to drop in the early '30s as rising unemployment took its toll. Those who remained were barely getting by and weekly contributions began to dwindle. The parish had come into the Depression carrying a large debt and was no longer generat-

ing enough income to meet expenses.

The low point came in early 1936 when a representative of the Union Trust Company wrote to James McFadden, the auxiliary bishop of Cleveland in charge of finances, complaining that Holy Cross had failed to pay the interest on the loan for the month of December. The bank was willing



Dr. Kirby (top, center) poses with the Holy Cross class of 1937.

to waive any payment on the principal for the time being but they insisted that the interest still be paid.

When the banker called to inquire about the missing payment, Dr. Kirby informed him that he was having difficulties that he did not care to discuss – and hung up. The banker was shocked. He felt Dr. Kirby was “procrastinating for a purpose” and asked the bishop if there was anything he could do. It turned out that in order to pay the interest for the

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The parish experienced financial trouble during the Depression and was in danger of losing its school.

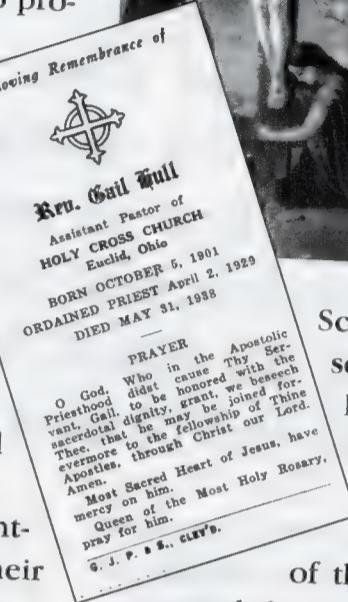
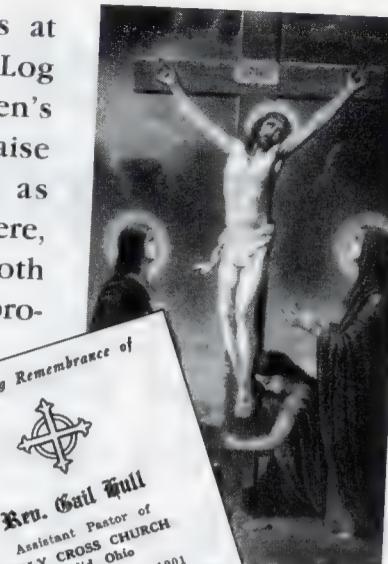
past several months, Dr. Kirby had been forced to cut the sisters' salaries, in violation of their contract. When it was brought to his attention, the bishop ordered Dr. Kirby to increase his revenue.

Money had always plagued Dr. Kirby. He was not much of a fund raiser; in fact he disliked it very much. But now the situation was grave. Unless a solution could be found, the school was in danger of closing. To their credit, parishioners responded to the financial crisis by rallying together and throwing themselves wholeheartedly into the fight to save their school. The Holy Cross football team of 1933.



They threw parties at Euclid Beach Log Cabin and Bill Fayan's dance hall to raise money. As great as their own needs were, they sacrificed both time and money to provide breakfast for the students and to buy First Communion outfits for the needier children. In time, their heroic efforts paid off and they were able to keep the parish going until economic conditions improved.

In 1938, parishioners were confronted with the heartbreakin loss of their



Assistant pastor Fr. Gail Hull, age 38, contracted pneumonia while in the hospital and died unexpectedly in 1938.

assistant pastor, Fr. Gail Hull, who contracted pneumonia while in the hospital and died unexpectedly at the age of 38. Archbishop Schrembs celebrated a solemn Requiem Mass in his honor. In a talk after the Mass, he consoled the mourners by telling them, "Let the thought

of the fruits, the sweet and good fruits of his ministry, remain with you and encourage you.... It is difficult to estimate the influence and the blessings that come from the priesthood, and yet, when I see this great crowd gathered to honor him, I can get some idea of what dear, good Father Hull meant to you whom he served."

### I Remember...

"That our son, Father James Brown, S.J., said his first Mass at Holy Cross in 1966."

-Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Brown

The Married Couples' Club sponsored many activities, including the "Showboat" musical show in 1962.

included card parties, golf outings, Friendship evenings, nights out at the theater, bus trips, picnics, boat rides, musical shows, hay rides, mystery trips, dances, dinner outings and an annual Holiday Ball. Their annual banquet meeting was held in January, when officers were elected.

While fund raising was never its purpose, any profit from events and annual dues were kept aside, and each year the group wrote a check for at least \$500 to Holy Cross Church. Unfortunately, the club disbanded in 1991.

### THE MARRIED COUPLES' CLUB

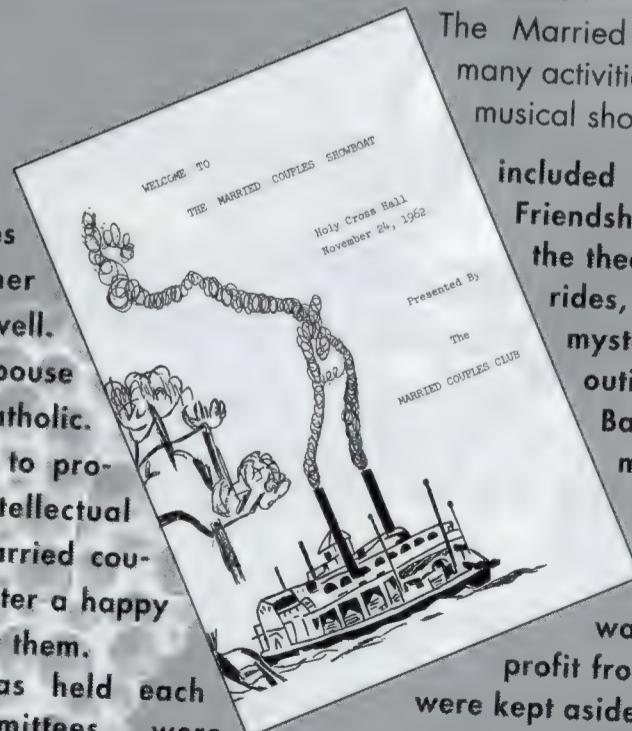
The Married Couples' Club was first organized in 1956. Primarily a social



Members Lou and Ann Marolt enjoy the 1984 Halloween Dance.

club, it welcomed couples from other parishes as well. At least one spouse had to be Catholic. The idea was to promote the intellectual interests of married couples and to foster a happy married life for them.

A social was held each month. Committees were formed so that every member participated in organizing one event. Activities





# Rapid Growth: The War Years

**D**uring World War II, Holy Cross was well represented in the military, with 220 parishioners in the army, 90 in the navy, 30 in the marines, 10 in the coast guard, two WACS and four nurses.

On the home front, defense contracts brought industrial expansion and new jobs to Euclid, making it the fastest growing city in the United States. The parish was increasing in size too, exploding from 380 families in 1940 to 1,025 families in 1949. Enrollment in the school more than doubled in the same period of time, from 272 to 652 students.

The tiny chapel in the school had always been crowded, but now it was filled to overflowing. Many times Dr. Kirby had the

children sit around the altar to make more room for the adults in the pews. The school was getting cramped, too. The classrooms on the second floor and in the basement were no longer able to hold all of the students, so one side of the chapel was used for classes. Every Sunday after the last Mass, men would tackle the weekly chore of moving pews aside to make room for students' desks. The ritual was reversed on Saturday mornings, when the desks were replaced with pews once again for the

## I Remember...

"The classrooms in the basement were so cold that the kids would sometimes keep their hats, gloves, and coats on in the wintertime."

—Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller

weekend liturgies.

The overcrowding was relieved slightly in May of 1946 with the founding of the parish of St. William. The new parish cut off the eastern half of Holy Cross and forced a readjustment of the boundaries between Holy Cross and the neighboring parishes of St. Paul and St. Christine. St. William had



The 2nd grade class of 1943.

## SESSORIANS

In the late 1930s the young people of the Parish had a social club called the Sessorians. The name was Dr. Kirby's idea. He wanted the name to

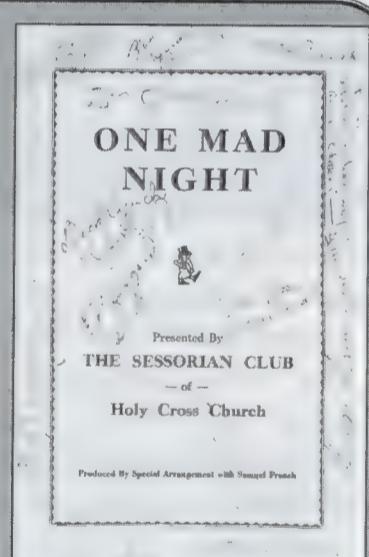


The Sessorian News kept members informed and entertained.

have a connection to the story of the true cross. St. Helena had the Sessorian Palace in Rome converted into a church, the Basilica of Santa Croce, to house the large relic of the true cross that she had recovered from Jerusalem.

The club published a monthly newsletter which premiered in August of 1938. The newsletters detailed the group's many activities, and were written in a very light-hearted, informal manner. There were jokes, drawings and commentary from the members. Some of the headings found in the newsletter were: "Sports," "Conduct" and "Fireside Chat." The club had parties and dances, monthly communion Sundays, and baseball and basketball games against other parishes. They presented plays and hosted study

clubs that met in members' homes to discuss art, music, literature, science and current events. Membership was 10 cents.



The cast of One Mad Night, produced by the Sessorians in 1939.



The cramped school building was expanded in 1944.

been planned as early as 1928, when the diocese began to receive a number of requests from people living in the area near the county line to start a new parish there. If formed, the new parish would have taken between 35 and 50 families away from Holy Cross. That doesn't sound like a lot of people, but at the time there were only 250 families to shoulder the burden of a staggering \$98,000 debt. Panic-stricken at the possibility of losing as many as 20 percent of his parishioners, Dr. Kirby wrote to Bishop Schrembs imploring him to reconsider:

*I beg leave to say that this loss to Holy Cross will be deeply felt, inasmuch as these families have pledged themselves to assist in the financial burden of the parish, and our present school was built counting on their help. If taken away at this time, I feel I cannot be responsible for the financial burden that is involved here. I therefore respectfully ask you to keep intact our present boundaries until more people are here and the school is complete and paid for.*

Dr. Kirby was not alone in this crusade. He was joined in his opposition by the pastor of Immaculate Conception, Fr. Nash, who would also have been adversely affected by the founding of a new parish. The two of them were able to have the new parish put off until 1946, when the loss of revenue and families was not as devastating as it would have been in 1928.



### I Remember...

"Both of the Baptisms of our children; the daily and Sunday Masses that both of our children served; the experiences that we have gained through RCIA - the ceremonies."

-Mrs. Joan Gall

### THE COURT OF MARY

The Court of Mary came into being in 1949 when Father Ralph McMonagle approached the ladies of the Altar and Rosary Society requesting the establishment of the group. He explained that the word "court" signified the many branches emanating from our Blessed Mother. Mary would be the inspiration for the women at that time and for those who would follow in the future. The object of the Court of Mary is to unite all the women in the Parish to cultivate social ties, to supply altar and sanctuary needs, and most importantly, to develop spirituality as a whole in the Parish.

The 1950s proved to be a very active and constructive time for this group. The Court exhibited their exemplary talent as seamstresses in sewing and embroidering the altar linens, cassocks and surplices for the servers. To raise money, the women sponsored bake sales, card parties, socials, bingo, craft fairs, banquets and prepared their famous roast beef dinners -- the most lucrative of all the fund raisers. Their efforts proved very helpful in providing funding for the building fund, a new kitchen, dishes for the convent, memorial plaques for parishioners killed in World War II, and library books, encyclopedias and visual aids for the school. In 1956, Marie Ipavec even went to Rome with the funds to buy the statue of our Blessed Mother, which was blessed by Pope Pius XII.

The Court of Mary card parties have been held since the beginning years and continue to this day. They also had an annual rummage sale which raised thousands of dollars. Many of their

hard-earned dollars were used to help purchase and install the glassblock windows in the Church Hall, for the redecorating of the Sanctuary, and in the Church library.

The women also provide baked goods for various occasions and receptions.

The Court's annual Christmas dinner requires guests to bring donations of canned goods and staple items for the needy of our parish, as well as winter clothing for children. Spiritual activities have included a monthly Holy Hour in Our Lady of Fatima, an all-day adoration every first Friday, corporate communion, an annual day of recollection on Ash Wednesday, and an annual Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine. A May Crowning was also held for more than 40 years. This group still maintains a vital presence at Holy Cross Church today.



ROAST BEEF DINNER in Holy Cross Church hall, East 200th st. and Lake Shore blvd., on Sunday to which the public is invited, and tickets available at door. This repeat by popular demand, has Court of Mary and Holy Name Society as sponsors. Serving is from 1:30 to 5:30 p. m., and left to right, Mrs. Fay Herbert, Mr. Edward Dietrich and Mrs. William Shafer, are checking accommodations to insure a successful affair when you take the family out to dine. Proceeds will go toward modernizing the kitchen for future social gatherings.



The economic prosperity and increase in membership in the 1940s meant the parish could finally climb out from under its crippling debt and begin planning for expansion. The first priority was to enlarge the cramped school building. A fund-raising campaign in 1943 netted \$42,500 - enough to completely pay for construction, furniture and supplies for the new north wing with its six classrooms. Ground was broken on June 20, 1944. Construction was held up for a while in the fall because of a steel shortage. The project was completed on February 11, 1945. The request to build a south wing at this time had been denied by the War Production Board.

Dr. Kirby was very upset about the delays in carrying out his plans for the parish and he often protested about the

situation in his sermons. In spite of the difficulties he had already encountered in trying to build during the war, he fully intended to begin construction of a church as soon as he possibly could. On October 1, 1944, he announced the beginning of a building-fund drive administered by the Laymen's Executive Committee. They hoped to have \$60,000 by January of 1945. With this money in hand, Dr. Kirby would hire an architect to draft plans and seek the Bishop's approval to build if war conditions permitted.

In 1945 a house at 175 East 201st Street was purchased to replace the old rectory on East 191st Street (a mile from the parish property). The house had been owned by Mr. and Mrs. DeLisle (Margaret) Barnes.



Between 1940 and 1949, enrollment in the school increased from 272 to 632 students.

#### I Remember...

"When I graduated from Holy Cross School. It happened on June 7, 1994. As I walked down the aisle, all I could think was all the memories that I had over the past eight years. To be a part of the ceremony and to have known such wonderful groups of students, teachers, faculty, staff, and friends made a real difference in my life. Everywhere I go, I hope to carry on what I have learned at Holy Cross."

-Mr. Philip Patrick

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# Stormy Weather

**A**lthough the parish had completely recovered financially from the Depression, the strain of the years of deprivation and hardship was still being felt. By the mid-1940s a crisis was in the making.

It had been 20 years since the founding of the parish and people were upset about the lack of progress. The school, even with the recent addition, was still too small to accommodate all of the parish children. They did not have a convent; the Sisters commuted from Villa Angela. They had only recently purchased a rectory; before that, the priests had been living in a rented house that was over a mile from the parish property. Worst of all, they still did not have a church.

The parishioners were frustrated and angry. For 20 years they had been doing everything they could do to support the church. They had worked hard and responded generously whenever they were asked, often at great personal sacrifice; now they felt they had little to show for it. After the years of countless fund drives, they were beginning to wonder where their money was going.

But it wasn't just the inadequacy of the facilities that was bothering them; it was

also the lack of a shared life as a community. The socials and organizations they had enjoyed so much in the early years of the parish had been abandoned during the '30s as the focus shifted to surviving the

**Now that times had changed, parishioners wanted social and spiritual activities to bring them together and support them in their faith.**

Depression. Now that times had changed, parishioners wanted social and spiritual activities to bring them together and support them in their faith. They saw the

things that other parishes were doing and wanted the same things here: service organizations, monthly communion Sundays for specific groups, a youth group, a children's Mass and parties for fun instead of fund raising.

At times, parishioners had tried to start new clubs or groups, but they were invariably discouraged by the lack of support of the pastor. They felt that Dr. Kirby did not approve of activities of any kind and would not cooperate with their efforts to breathe new life into the parish.

In 1946, a group of men decided to try to do something new to help the parish. With assistant pastor Father Murphy's help, they formed the Holy Cross Men's Club. Their goal was to raise money to support extracurricular activities in the school, like the Boosters do today. The Men's Club sponsored athletic teams by purchasing uniforms and equipment and paying league fees. They put on a Christmas party at the school and bought Christmas presents for all the Sisters. In the spring, they paid for a graduation party and awarded prizes to the students with the best academic records. Nothing like that had ever

## I Remember...

"One of the fondest memories is having watched the Church change during the renovation. I did not like the results at first, but now I can't imagine going back to the old way."

-Mr. Rene Caron

## LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is an organization of practicing Catholics who, under the direction of the Bishop of the Diocese, the Parish Pastor, and the Spiritual Director, perform Catholic Action works which these authorities deem useful for the welfare of the Church and its members. The object of the Legion is the sanctification of its members by prayers and active cooperation, under ecclesiastical guidance, in the work of the Church. The Legion is officially named "The Ark of the Covenant" Presidium, and began at Holy Cross in 1959.

Membership is open to those who are available for a weekly meeting, con-

ducted after the manner described in the Legion of Mary Handbook, and who are willing to perform at least two hours of Apostolic work assigned to them each week. Active members must receive the approval of the Pastor. Auxiliary members are "praying members" only, and they say the rosary daily.

Meetings of active members consist of the rosary, the legion prayers, spiritual readings, reports on work done, and assignments for the following week. Members must be punctual and attend the meetings regularly. All are expected to preserve absolute secrecy in regard to any matter discussed at the meetings or learned in connection with the

## Legionary work.

There are no set dues; however, active members may, if they wish, contribute voluntarily to defray the expenses of the Presidium. This group brings Communion to and visits shut-ins, nursing homes, and those in the hospital. Once a year, they renew together their consecration to Mary, Queen of the Legion; and from Her, receive renewed strength and blessing.





been done before at Holy Cross, although it was common in other parishes.

In 1947, they elected officers and invited Dr. Kirby to meet with them to give them a plan for the coming year. He agreed to the meeting but then skipped it with no explanation. Instead, he sent them a program that would have cost several thousand dollars to implement, and at the same time restricted their options for fund raising so much that it would

have been impossible for them to raise that amount. Several months later, Dr. Kirby announced that a Holy Name Society would be formed within the parish, with the implication that the Men's Club would be disbanded.

By this time, the tension in the parish had become intolerable. Angry letters had been pouring into the chancery, and parishioners began holding meetings and circulating petitions calling for Dr. Kirby to

be removed as pastor. The climax came in November, 1947, when the officers of the parish Men's Club met with the chancellor of the diocese to discuss the deteriorating situation in the parish. The meeting led to a series of discussions between diocesan officials and Dr. Kirby, who almost from the beginning expressed his willingness to accept a transfer. On April 16, 1948, he was reassigned to Sacred Heart Parish in Oberlin.



The First Communion class of 1948.

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# Branching Out: Building the Church

**O**n June 2, 1948, Father Ralph J. McMonagle became the second pastor of Holy Cross. Fr. McMonagle was born in Cleveland on May 25, 1898, to George and Mary Ellen McMonagle.

He attended the Cleveland Public Schools for eight years, then went on to St. Ignatius High School and College. He was ordained by Archbishop Joseph Schrembs at St. John Cathedral on February 24, 1923.

His first assignment was assistant pastor at St. Edward Church on Woodland Avenue. In 1926, he was sent to Immaculate Conception Church on Superior Avenue. He became pastor of Our

Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Wickliffe in 1934, a post he held until he came to Holy Cross.

Fr. McMonagle had been somewhat reluctant to leave Our Lady of Mount Carmel because of all the conflicts here, but he quickly brought peace to the troubled parish. He was known for his mildness and his ability to get along with people and soon parish life blossomed under his enth-

siastic leadership. His first few months as pastor were devoted to preparations for construction of the long-awaited church building.

By the end of 1948, the parish council had approved the purchase of four lots adjoining the parish property

and hired an architect to draw up plans for the building. On July 10, 1949, an 18-month fund-raising campaign was undertaken to raise \$150,000. Joseph Gibbons, vice president of Fisher Brothers Co., was chairman, with 10 teams of campaign workers under captains Al Anjesky, Ed Keller, Robert Cummins, Frank Gara, James Campbell, William Corbett, Stephen Vance, Mike Yano, Jack McDonough and Eugene



Fr. Ralph J. McMonagle became pastor in June 1948.

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Brickman. \$117,000 was pledged. The cost of the new church was expected to be between \$350-400,000.

In February 1950, Archbishop Edward Hoban approved the plans for the new church and granted the parish permission to build. The Dunlop and Johnston Construction Company of Cleveland Heights was hired as the general contractor.

Architect James Collins designed the spacious Neo-Gothic church with the pointed arches, buttressed walls and intricately carved stonework characteristic of the style. The church was to be constructed of seam-faced Ohio sandstone in selected shades ranging from light gray to deep



The frame of the church is erected.

brown, with contrasting trim of smooth-sawed, light-gray Indiana limestone. The sanctuary would seat 800.

The basement would have an auditorium seating 850 and a kitchen. The convent, at the rear of the church and facing East 200th Street, would provide rooms and recreational facilities for the 12 Sisters teaching in the school. Included were a reception room, community room, kitchen, offices, laundry, individual rooms and storage space, with allowances for future expansion, if needed. A second wing would be added to the south side of the school at a later time to



The interior of the church under construction.

connect the school and the convent. The rectory shown in the original drawings was never built. It would have been on the east side of the church facing Lake Shore Blvd. at E. 201st Street (where the parking lot is now) and connected to the church by a cloister.

On September 3, an unsuspecting Fr. McMonagle was summoned to the parish property for the groundbreaking ceremony, which had been planned without his knowledge. Hundreds of parishioners turned out to celebrate the end of 26 years of waiting and longing for a permanent church home. Pastors from several neighboring parishes also attended. At the conclusion of the festivities, parishioners gave Fr. McMonagle his second surprise of the day - a new TV for the rectory.

Construction proceeded steadily throughout the first fall and winter as the ground was cleared and excavated, concrete footers poured, and bricks laid in the base-



A craftsman works on the roof of the new church.



The Resurrection window was completed in 1954.

ment. On a chilly day in March 1951, the schoolchildren watched eagerly as the first load of Briar Hill sandstone was unloaded from the trucks. The church was supposed to have been completed in 15 months; however, the work ended up dragging on

for much longer than expected. There were so many delays that at one point Fr. McMonagle thought it would be easier just to finish the job himself.

While the church was being built, eight Sunday Masses were held to accommodate the crowds in the school building. The 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses were doubled, with one Mass celebrated upstairs in the chapel and another downstairs in the basement. By fall of 1953, construction on the church had progressed to the point that Mass could be held in the basement auditorium, and the "temporary" chapel in the school was converted into four desperately needed classrooms.

The altar was consecrated in December of 1955. Archbishop Hoban offered Mass and dedicated the church and convent in May 1956. He was assisted by priests from St. Rose, St. Paul, St. William, St. Felicitas, St. John Cathedral, St. Joseph High School and the Diocesan Retreat House.

The focal point of the newly completed church was the 14-foot cross with its life-sized, hand-carved corpus above the main altar. Inside the communion rail, the sanctuary was adorned with bronze tabernacles on the three marble altars and wooden statues imported from Italy. The two side



Interior of the church in the late '50s.

chapels had Munich colored glass and carved wooden statues of the Sacred Heart and St. Anthony. In the rear of the church, a baptistry and a glass-enclosed cry room flanked the main entrance, with a choir loft directly above. The cry room had a speaker system from the sanctuary and pulpit and an Infant of Prague shrine.

All of the stained glass windows in the church were designed by the world-renowned stained glass artist, Rudolf R. Sandon. Sandon was the sixth generation of a family of Italian artists to work with stained glass. He spoke five languages, was a master interpreter of the Bible, and also held doctorates in engineering, architecture, art history and theology. He imported

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in 1833. The Society's namesake was a priest during the 1600s. During his 60 years of priesthood, St. Vincent de Paul organized many associations to benefit Mankind. Conferences were formed world-wide and appeared in the United States in 1845. Today, there are 150,000 conferences in 120 nations. In a spirit of justice and charity and by a person-to-person involvement of its members, the Society seeks to help those who are suffering. Members live their faith by loving and serving their neighbors.

The Society has been active at Holy Cross ever since our Parish was established. Its membership is open to anyone willing to volunteer time and effort and to maintain confidentiality in all matters dealing with those seeking assistance. The Society receives support through direct contributions to the poor boxes in Church and through special collections taken twice a year at Mass. These funds are used for utility bills, medicine, and similar needs. Only the members of the conferences decide by consensus how the contributions will be spent. They provide funding only in emergencies and help connect clients with other agencies if the need appears to be long-term.

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Sunday, with special drives at holiday time. Through the Christmas Giving Tree project held during Advent, gifts are presented to our own needy parishioners. There are also Diocese-wide efforts, like the annual Blanket Sunday in October, and the Greater Cleveland St. Vincent de Paul Society's Thrift Store, which collects clothes, furniture, appliances and other donations.

This Society has assisted parishioners all year long, every year since the foundation of Holy Cross, and during exceptional times of great need such as the Great Depression, the recession of 1957-58, and during the 1980s with company takeovers and relocations. The organization serves a great "behind the scenes" need at Holy Cross.



Archbishop Edward F. Hoban dedicated the church in May 1956.

glass from Germany, France and England to produce the windows, which were assembled by artists in his St. Clair Avenue studio and placed in the church one by one as money came in.

The window in the baptistry was

installed first and was dedicated to the artist's daughter, Barbara, who was the first child to be baptized in the new church. The Resurrection window over the main entrance was finished in 1954. By the time the church was dedicated in 1956, the win-

dows in the side chapels that depict the seven sacraments had been installed. The first of the sanctuary windows were completed in 1957 - one was dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima, and the other depicted Pope Pius XII defining the dogma of the Assumption of Mary. They were the kind gift of Isabella Guild and John DeMarco. The rest of the sanctuary windows show episodes from the history of the cross and were placed in the sanctuary so as to tell the story in chronological order. At the time of their installation, Holy Cross was thought to be the only parish of that name in the United States whose windows actually told the story of the cross. The windows were not completed until 1959.



### I Remember...

"Mass was held in the School, Lillian Powers and Father McMonagle initiated the Court of Mary and together broke ground for the new Church."

-Mrs. Carol Anonsen

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# In Full Bloom: Parish Life in the 1950s

**A**lthough the new stone church rising from the corner of Lake Shore and East 200th was the most visible sign of change in the parish during the 1950s, it was by no means the only one.

From the moment he arrived, Fr. McMonagle had been organizing new parish activities and revitalizing the ones that had been neglected during the '30s and '40s: the Holy Name and St. Vincent de Paul Societies were revived; the Altar and Rosary Society was reorganized as the Court of Mary; and a Boy Scout troop, Married Couples' Club, drama club and a youth group called the "Little Macs" were formed. Parish life in the '50s was a mad

whirl of card parties, bake sales, roast beef dinners in the new church hall, dances, socials and sightseeing trips.

In the early 1950s the Court of Mary sponsored the Parent-Educator Committee, which offered a program of Christian doctrine to the parish children who couldn't be accommodated in the school. The program, Teaching Religion in the Home, was a series of leaflets that covered a child's religious training in the home



The 1952 graduating class.

from infancy through age 12.

The 30 women on the committee divided the parish into territories and used the parish census data to determine the number and ages of the children on each street. They ordered the needed leaflets and hand-delivered them door to door to over 1,000 households. A new set of leaflets came out every three months and was distributed to parents at no charge. The volunteers were warmly welcomed as they made their rounds. Parents who had been uncertain about how to share their faith with their children found the lessons

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and suggestions in the leaflets to be very helpful and they were sincerely grateful for the program.

The school was growing rapidly during the '50s. The parish of St. Robert Bellarmine had been founded in October of 1950 to serve the growing Catholic population in the area around Lake Shore Blvd. and Babbitt Road. The new parish carved a small chunk from the northeast corner of Holy Cross's territory, giving the parish its present eastern boundary at East 217th Street, but despite the loss of some families to St. Robert, the school was still painfully overcrowded. In some classrooms, students were crammed two to a desk because of the lack of space. Even with an average of 50 students per teacher, there was not enough room for everybody. During the 1954-55 school year the seventh and eighth grade



The First Communion class of 1954. By the mid-'50s, there was an average of 50 students per classroom.

A capital campaign in 1956 raised \$300,000 to fund further building projects.

boys met at St. Joseph High School and used the retreat house lawn for recess. One afternoon, Archbishop Hoban saw them playing and asked what they were doing there. When the situation was explained to him, he gave the boys his blessing.

As the church neared completion, Fr. McMonagle embarked on the second phase of the building program - an addition to the school and construction of the Lake Shore Boulevard convent. In November and December of 1956, the parish undertook an intense, highly organized expansion campaign to fund the projects. Parishioners were asked to think carefully about what they could give through sacrifice, not convenience.

Any family or individual that made a pledge of at least \$250 could designate a memorial in the church, convent or school, and specify the inscription that would appear on the plaque. Teams of volunteer campaign workers were trained and sent out to visit every home in the parish to solicit contributions. "Sacrifice means success" and "pray, work, pledge" were the marching orders for their mission. Workers met weekly in the church hall to report their totals, which were published in a newsletter that listed the name of each contributor and the amount they had pledged.

Parishioners enthusiastically supported the campaign. Many pledges of \$250 and \$500 were received, and at least 35 families pledged more than \$1,000 – a sizable donation at a time when the median family income was less than \$5,000 a year. The campaign raised \$300,000 and at its close Fr. McMonagle expressed his sincere appreciation for the parishioners and the campaign workers who had unselfishly



The present rectory was originally the convent, which was built in 1961.

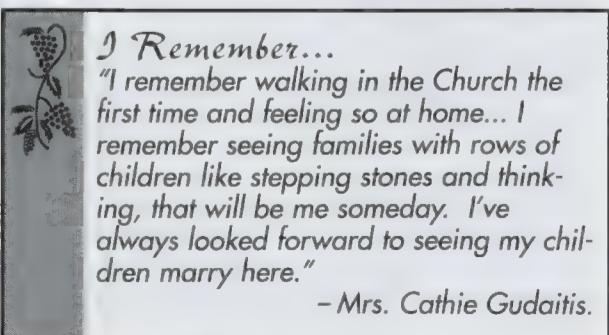


Communion breakfasts were held after Mass during Lent. Here Mrs. Joseph Nocera serves rolls and coffee to Anthony Jersan, Mrs. William Hill, George O'Brien and Adelaide Gallagher.

given their time, money and talent to make the campaign such a success. He also thanked the Sisters and the school children for their prayers, and asked God's continued blessing for the parish.

The students got some extra elbow room when the six classrooms in the new south wing opened on October 15, 1958. During construction of the addition, the old part of the school was updated with a new roof, PA system, doors, lockers and lighting in the basement rooms.

The Lake Shore Blvd. convent was finished in early 1961 and, once the sisters were settled in, the old convent behind the church was remodeled for use as the rectory, bringing the 11-year building program to a close.





# To Everything There is a Season: The 1960s

The 1960s were years of great social upheaval. The Vietnam War, the civil rights movement, and the Rolling Stones were challenging Americans to look at the world in a new way.

Even in the Church, Vatican II was introducing reforms that would dramatically change the look and feel of Mass, our understanding of ministry and the sacraments, and our idea of what it means to be Catholic.

Here at Holy Cross, though, parish life had settled into a quiet, comfortable routine.

After the hard work of building throughout the '50s, Fr. McMonagle and the parishioners were ready to take a break and the next few years were relatively uneventful.

Growth in the parish was beginning to slow somewhat. The number of families

increased from 1,542 to 1,750 between 1960 and 1969. Enrollment in the school hovered around 1,000 students until 1966, when it began dropping steadily every year. Meanwhile, enrollment in CCD classes was on the rise.

Religious vocations were at an all-time high and 22 young people from the parish entered religious communities and the priesthood during the 1960s.

The parish was saddened to learn of Dr. Kirby's death on September 18, 1961. Euclid City Council issued a memorial resolution to honor him for the contributions



The Holy Cross Boys Choir sings at Christmas 1965.

he had made to the city as the founding pastor of Holy Cross Church.

The associate pastors in the early '60s loved children, especially Fr. Tezie and Fr. Sawhill. The neighborhood kids often knocked on the rectory door and asked if the priests could come out to play. (Fr. McMonagle usually said it was OK as long as



## I Remember...

*"The many elegant social affairs, such as Christmas parties and dinner-dances held in downtown hotels."*

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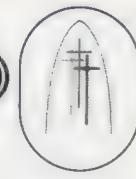
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they were home before dark.) The kids (ordained and not) played all kinds of games in the schoolyard together.

In early 1969, the parish began to explore the possibility of a religious preschool for four- and five-year olds during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. It was understood that parents are the most important teachers of religion, and the preschool was not intended to relieve parents of that responsibility, but rather to support them and reinforce the learning that was (hopefully) taking place at home. Some of the suggested topics for the classes were prayer, church celebrations and



The first communion class of 1965.

**The neighborhood kids often knocked on the rectory door and asked if the priests could come out to play.**

holy days, and a demonstration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

The preschool officially began in May. The women who organized it educated themselves by observing an established preschool, reading early childhood catechisms, attending teachers' workshops, and seeking the advice of elementary school teachers. The first year there were 72 children in two classes of five-year olds and three classes of four-year olds. Many of the parents got to know each other as they waited in the parking lot to pick up the children after Mass. This group of parents was instrumental in forming the PTO at Holy Cross in 1970.

In a big parish, it can be hard to get to know people, but Fr. McMonagle had a great gift for drawing the parishioners closer together and providing opportunities for friendships to form. One of his last acts as pastor was to divide the parish into six districts in 1971-72. Each district in turn was invited to attend a weekday evening "community Mass," followed by refreshments in the hall. Over 1500 people attended. Fr. McMonagle thought it was very successful in promoting a good parish spirit.

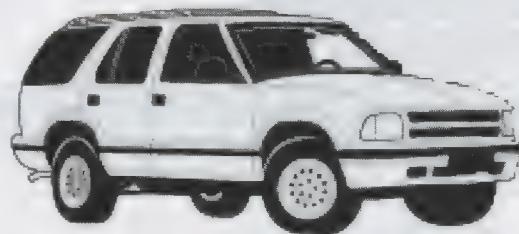
Keeping people informed is another challenging task for a parish. In 1972, the Holy Cross Parish News began publication. The Parish News was a monthly newsletter to update the community on all the current events going on in the parish.

In July of 1972, Fr. McMonagle retired and moved into a home next door to the school at 145 East 200th St. The parish had purchased the property in 1962 to be used as a custodian's residence. He planned to keep busy by filling in for ill or vacationing priests in the neighboring parishes. Even in retirement, he remained a vital part of the life of this parish; he continued to celebrate Masses in church and hear confessions until his death in 1986.



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# Stayin' Alive

**F**ather Martin Scully was the pastor of Holy Cross Church between 1972 and 1989. Fr. Scully was born on November 22, 1918, and ordained by Archbishop Hoban on September 23, 1944.

He had many appointments before coming to Holy Cross, with the most recent ones being Chaplain of St. John Hospital on Detroit Avenue from 1966-69 and Administrator of St. Colman Church on West 65th Street from 1969-72. Under his leadership Holy Cross celebrated some important milestones, but also suffered a few growing pains and grappled with questions of how to find a constant faith in a changing world.

Fr. McMonagle celebrated his 50th Jubilee in February of 1973. The weekend-long celebration started with a school Mass

on Friday, February 23. The whole congregation was invited to the Jubilee Mass at 2:30 on the following Sunday. Father's family and close friends joined him for a special dinner, then accompanied him to a reception at St. Joseph High School at 7:30 that evening. At the reception, groups in the parish made presentations to Fr. McMonagle - among them, Parish Council, Holy Name Society, Court of Mary, PTO, ushers, Legion of Mary, athletic committee, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Married Couples' Club, school faculty, and choir. The parish youth organizations - CCD, Boy

Scouts, Girl Scouts and CYO - celebrated a Youth Mass on Monday, February 27, then hosted a social in the church hall.

Later that year, Francis Buehner, the rectory's housekeeper and secretary for 22 years, retired to care for Fr. McMonagle. Fran Komar took her place as parish secretary.

In 1974, Holy Cross celebrated its 50th anniversary with a Jubilee Mass at 2:30 on Sunday, October 20. The homilist was Fr. John Carroll Cline, who had been the first baby baptized at Holy Cross back in 1924. Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Cline, Fr. Martin Scully served as Fr. Scully, Fr. McMonagle from 1972-89.



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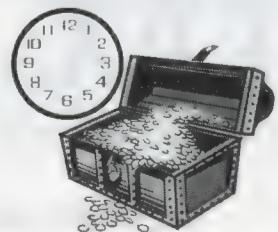
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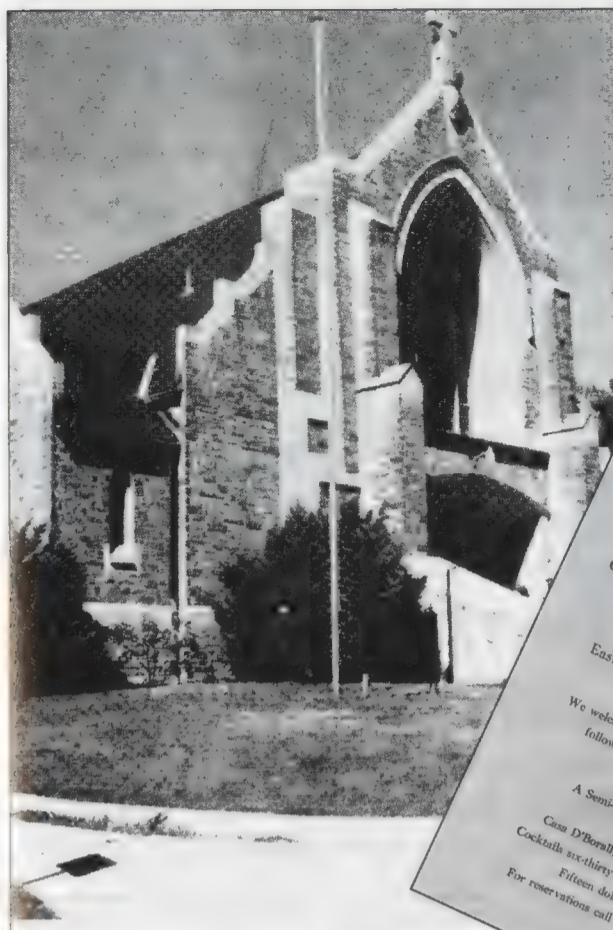
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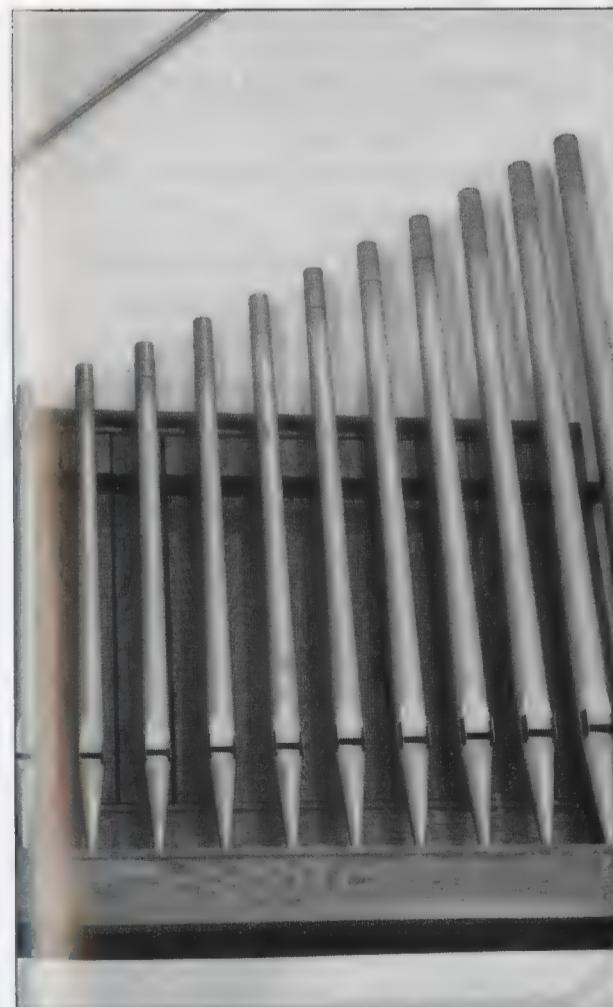
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## HOLY CROSS PARISH 1924—1974

The parish celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1974



The pipe organ was refurbished in 1976 and reinstalled in its present position in 1997.

McMonagle, and the associate pastors, Fr. Jenkins and Fr. Sciarotta. The Mass was followed by a reception in the hall, co-sponsored by the Court of Mary, the PTO, and the Legion of Mary. Later that evening, a formal dinner-dance was held at Casa DiBorally. The theme for the day's festivities was "50 Years of Christian Service."

Beginning in 1975, Holy Cross parishioners were given the opportunity to deepen their spirituality through weekend renewals based on the popular Christ Renews His Parish program. In the first year alone, a total of 125 parishioners participated in the two men's and three women's renewals that were offered.

The Spirit Committee made little posters and stickers with pictures or sayings on them to generate enthusiasm for the parish.

The parish held a week-long Lenten mission March 21-26, 1976. It was an instructional and inspirational program given by missionaries Fr. Emil Womack, C.P., and Fr. Leo P. Brady, C.P. The issues discussed included: Christian Morality; the Paschal Mystery; Death and Resurrection; the Sacrament of Reconciliation; Marriage and the Household Church; and the Passover and Eucharist.

The parish credit union was formed in 1976. The credit union was a great help to families who otherwise would have had a hard time getting mortgages, car loans and

money for college tuition. It was in the rectory until it merged with GIC Credit Union in 1988.

On Sunday, October 31, 1976, James E. Hawkins, the choir director at Holy Cross and an accomplished organist, performed a free, public recital to showcase the newly refurbished pipe organ. When Fr. McMonagle was pastor, he had objected to the installation of the organ on the main floor of the church and had it removed. The organ was dismantled and stored in pieces in the church basement and the basements of several choir members for nearly seven years, until Hawkins was hired. He immediately made restoration of the organ a high priority. With the help of Fr. Scully, he got the organ cleaned and assembled, only to find that the years of neglect had taken their toll and expensive



repairs would be required to bring the organ back into prime playing condition. Bill Ellenberger, who had designed and built the organ, gladly oversaw the renovation and worked throughout the summer to complete the installation. Choir members, parishioners, and the Court of Mary all donated money to the project, and a memorial plaque honoring their contributions was dedicated along with the organ.

Parish council oversaw a lot of committees in the early '80s. The Social Needs



## THE CATHOLIC SINGLES ASSOCIATION

The CSA is a non-profit organization established in August of 1976 to meet the needs of single people between the ages of 25 and 40. One of the objectives of the CSA is to provide the atmosphere in which single people in the Greater Cleveland area may have the opportunity to grow in a spirit of fellowship with one another and with God. The CSA provides a place for people with similar interests to meet and become involved in worthwhile activities of a social and service nature. Members are encouraged to attend the meetings as well as

any of the planned social events.

Activities of the club are suggested by the members, and committees are formed to plan the events. Social/cultural events include movies, picnics and socials, as well as various trips to such places as Blossom Music Center, the Flats, the Zoo, etc. Athletic events include volleyball, miniature golf, bowling, bicycle trips and camping. Occasionally the group attends professional sporting events.

The CSA, since 1991, no longer meets at Holy Cross, but continues to meet at many other Parishes, such as St. Noel and St. Mary Magdalene.

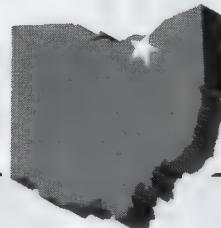


Richard and Colette Lieb coordinated monthly Anniversary Masses for married couples beginning in 1981. They celebrated their own Golden Anniversary in 1989.

### I Remember...

*"Being a part of RCIA was such a tremendous experience. It has given me such a strong bond to this community."*

-Mr. William Schuhle



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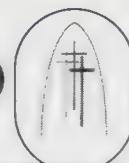
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committee, headed by Carol Anonsen, collected food and funds for the Martin de Porres Center, Sister Henrietta of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Augustine. Mike Murphy headed the Recreation Committee that planned the annual parish picnic at Saxon Acres and occasional potluck suppers. Their latest idea had been "Pray and Stay," which encouraged people to gather for a social after Sunday Mass and enjoy coffee and donuts. The Spirit Committee made little posters and stickers with pictures or sayings on them to generate enthusiasm for the parish. "Happiness is at Holy Cross" or "Father Scully Loves You" were a couple of examples. The Administration Committee was concerned with capital improvements, such as a new roof for the church, kneelers, wall coverings, surfacing the parking lot, a new speaker system and new vestments. They had plans in the works to redecorate the sanctuary and choir loft.

The "Family of the Month" display in the church vestibule featured photos of a parish family, including art work by the children.

Richard and Colette Lieb coordinated the monthly Anniversary Mass for married couples. The first one was celebrated on May 21, 1981. The pastors were very supportive. Fr. Scully did most of the Masses himself. At times, they were poorly attended, but Fr. Scully had said that if even one couple was there it was worth it and he would still do the Mass.

In 1984, Bill Dirk became the first permanent deacon ordained from the parish. Today, Holy Cross is served by the ministry of three deacons: Jerry Vrabel, Bob Payne and Jim Croniger.



#### I Remember...

"That a weekend chore for the men was to remove the desks from the Church and replace them with pews for Sunday Masses."

-Mr. Mike Farrell

#### BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 143 consists of boys aged 11-17 who have a great love of scouting and the outdoors. The group annually participates in an aluminum can drive, and also partakes in such activities as camping, canoeing and hiking.

#### GIRL SCOUTS

The Brownies (Troop 1688) and the Girl Scouts are a group of girls who participate in similar activities as Boy Scouts - camping and hiking. They also traveled to the Great Lakes Science Center, and are famous for selling their own brand of cookies.



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# Going Dormant

**D**espite the many good things that were happening, the parish suffered an increasing lack of vitality during the '70s and '80s.

The school was in a period of transition. Declining enrollment and a shift in the faculty toward more lay teachers and fewer Sisters caused financial pressures that had forced the parish to start charging tuition. Nonetheless, the school was the center of parish life. Parish activities had dwindled after Fr. Scully's arrival and for many years the PTO and Court of Mary were the most active groups in the parish. The PTO did a lot of fund raising and started the Santa workshop and music program in the school. They had Friday night programs once a month with guest speakers or entertainment that was interesting and relevant to the times. On April 21, 1976, the hall was packed for Dorothy Fuldheim's pre-

sentation, *The World at the Moment*. Another night, the hall was transformed into a zoo with real wild animals – snakes, birds, even a llama. The traveling zookeep-

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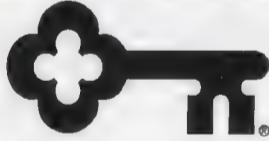


Slow to implement Vatican II liturgical changes, Holy Cross became a mecca for Catholics who preferred the "old way" of doing things.

because the parish was so slow to respond to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. Vatican II had invited Catholics to look more deeply at their familiar beliefs and practices and return to the roots of those traditions – a process that requires courage, openness and a willingness to learn. No one is comfortable with change, especially when the proposed changes strike at the heart of one's most deeply cherished beliefs. It helps if the changes are

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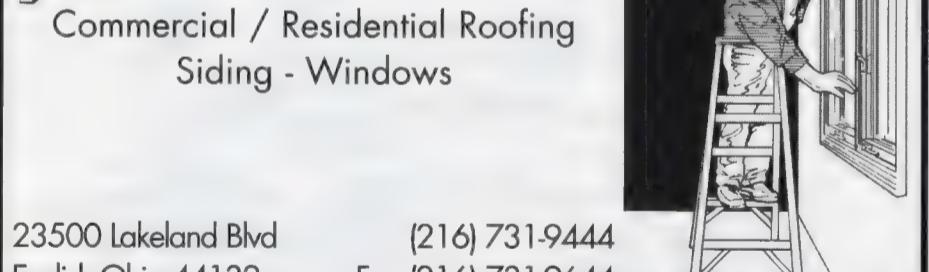


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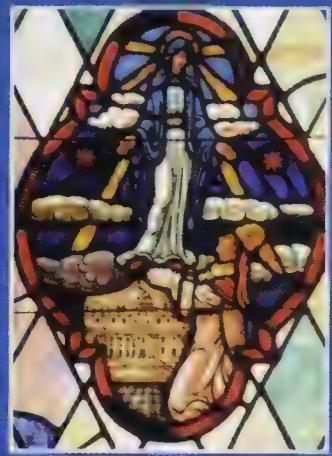


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# History of the Cross

Among the stained glass windows designed by artist Rudolph R. Sandon is the installation depicting the history of the True Cross...



**The Assumption of Our Lady** - Pius XII, Pope during the construction of Holy Cross Church, defined the dogma of the Assumption in 1954.



**Helen is inspired to seek the cross** - St. Helen, mother of Constantine, is blessed with Divine inspirations.



**Helen razes the temple of Venus** - Helen finds a pagan temple constructed over Golgotha. She has the terrace and temple ruins razed.

IV



**Helen discovers three crosses** - With help from a Jewish man named Judas, St. Helen digs 20 fathoms and locates three ancient crosses.

V



**The Cross is identified by a miraculous cure** - A paralytic woman is miraculously cured as she embraces the True Cross.

VI



**Helen returns from the Holy Land** - Through a miraculous light the holy nails are discovered. St. Helen returns to her son.

VII



**Constantine erects basilica at Calvary** - At the urging of his mother, Constantine builds a Basilica atop Calvary to honor the True Cross.

VIII



**Dedication of basilica, 335 AD** - The Basilica is solemnly dedicated in September 335 under the leadership of Constantine.

IX



**King of Persia captures the Cross, 614 AD** - In 624 AD, Chosroes II sacks Jerusalem and carries off the Cross.

X



**Heraclius sets out to recover it, 629 AD** - Roman Emporer Heraclius prays for success in recovering the Cross, 15 years after it was taken.

XI



**Heraclius tries to carry the Cross to Jerusalem** - The emperor recovers the Cross and begins his journey back to Jerusalem.

XII



**Heraclius is stopped at the gates** - The power of God prevents Heraclius from entering Jerusalem with pomp and ceremony.

XIII



**Zachary tells Heraclius to remove his royal robes** - Zachary says it is inappropriate to carry the Cross in imperial splendor.

XIV



**Exaltation of the Cross** - The relics of the True Cross are exalted and raised up for all the people of Jerusalem to witness and honor.

XV



**Glory of the Cross as sign of Redemption** - The true emphasis of finding and recovering the Cross was not in the relics but in Christ.



A Holy Cross guitar group campout in 1982.

made slowly, if the reasons for the changes are thoroughly explained, if questions are answered, and if plenty of time is given to adjust both before and after the changes have been made. Implementing the new theology of Vatican II was a major task for every parish to face. Some, like Holy Cross, were reluctant to embrace the challenge.

The parish did not introduce many liturgical changes; however, when a change was made, parishioners recalled that it was done abruptly, with little explanation. The lack of communication made the transition

### PLUS FIFTY CLUB

The Plus Fifty Club was formed prior to 1980. Membership is limited to 150, but is open to anyone over the age of 50. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (excluding July and August), start with a Mass at 1 p.m., and often include a speaker. A social gathering follows in the Church Hall with refreshments.

The purpose of this club is to give members an opportunity to meet friends, to become acquainted with new people, to be entertained, and to become informed on all Parish and community developments. This club has sponsored pot luck luncheons, bingo, white elephant

sales, and Christmas parties. There are frequent planned outings, both day and overnight, throughout the year, such as trips to points of interest, theaters, musical shows, tours and mystery trips.



Members enjoy the Plus Fifty luncheon in June 1997.

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very painful for some people; they felt the religion that had been a constant in their lives since childhood was being taken away and no one was telling them why.

As the years went by, a number of parishioners had come to understand and appreciate the ideas of the Council on their own; they had attended "newer" liturgies elsewhere and longed for a similar experience of Mass in their own parish. Disheartened by the resistance to change at Holy Cross, they began drifting away to the Brothers' house at St. Joseph High School, the Shrine, the Newman Center or other



Lenten Soup Suppers brought parishioners together.

churches in search of spiritual nourishment. On paper Holy Cross was still their parish, but the community that sustained them was someplace else.

At the same time, Holy Cross was becoming a mecca for people from neighboring parishes who preferred the "old way" of doing things.

On April 16, 1989, the parish had a "thank you" reception for Fr. Scully in anticipation of his upcoming retirement. After 12:30 Mass there was a brief program in the church, followed by a social in the



The school remained the center of parish activity during the '80s.

hall. A hand-written note from Fr. Scully was printed in the following week's bulletin. It read:

*I was shocked, thrilled and delighted with last Sunday - Thank you for your generosity to me - I'll keep you all in my daily prayers*

-Fr. Scully

In May, Fran Komar, parish secretary for the past 16 years, retired to join the Ursuline Sisters. She was replaced by Barbara Brickman, who is still cheerfully greeting us when we call or stop at the rectory.

Fr. Scully officially retired on July 1, 1989, and moved to his sister's house at 177 East 201st Street, where he lived until his death in 1993. (This house is now the convent.)



#### I Remember...

*"That the Oriental rug used in the Church was given by Judge James Connell; the first organ in the Church was donated by Mrs. John White."*

-Mrs. George Paul

## Parish Vocations

### Diocese of Cleveland

Rev. Bernard J. O'Neill  
Rev. Douglas McCormick (now in Indiana)  
Rev. Norman Gajdzinski  
Rev. John Ostrowski  
Rev. Dennis McNeil  
Rev. Edward Dietrich \*  
Rev. John C. Clines  
Rev. Paul Clines  
Rev. James Bajorek (now in Philadelphia)  
Rev. John McKenna  
Rev. Dennis McKenna  
Rev. John T. McDonough  
Rev. Mark Latkovich

### Diocese of Galveston, Texas

Rev. Bernard J. O'Neill

### Society of Mary (Marianists)

Joseph Boisseau \*  
James Brown  
Michael Mulhern \*  
Bro. David Murphy  
Ronald Luksic  
Frank Ezzo \*  
Fr. Robert Hogan  
Fr. Gerald Chinchar  
Bro. Joseph Markel  
Bro. Vincent Rathbun (dec)

### Society of Jesus (Jesuits)

George Murray  
Justin Kelly  
Kevin Flannery  
Thomas Conn \*  
James Brown \*  
Edmund TePas \*

### Blessed Sacrament

Rev. Paul Krainz

### Order of Preachers (Dominican)

Rev. John Vidmar

### Permanent Diaconate

Rev. Mr. Clarence Cummins  
Rev. Mr. William Dirk  
Rev. Mr. Jerry Vrabel  
Rev. Mr. Robert Payne  
Rev. Mr. James Croniger

### Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland

Sr. Mary Ann Gertrude Hill  
Sr. Miriam Lynch  
Sr. Mary Immaculate Hart  
Sr. Mary Camilla Farley  
Sr. M. Petra O'Donnell  
Sr. M. Assunta Spies  
Sr. Helen Marie Davidson  
Sr. Mary Owen Feighan  
Sr. Ruth Marie Behrend  
Sr. Marie Canice Kilkenny  
Sr. Jean Miller  
Sr. Mary George Haky

### Sr. Susan Mary Rathbun

Sr. Helen Angela Rathbun \*  
Sr. Mary Catherine Cummins  
Sr. Ann Letitia Kostiha  
Sr. Therese Mary Osborne \*  
Sr. Julianne McCauley  
Sr. Therese Gornik \*  
Sr. Kathleen Foster  
Sr. Virginia Lang  
Sr. Kathleen Flannery  
Sr. Ann Marie Woyma \*  
Sr. Elaine Berkopec  
Sr. Mary Ellen Minnis \*  
Sr. Laura Bregar  
Sr. Joanne Buckman  
Sr. Anne Clare Asbeck  
Sr. Patricia Mulhern  
Sr. Carolyn Clines  
Sr. Joanne Gross  
Sr. Frances Helen Komar

### Sisters of Notre Dame, Cleveland Province

Sr. Elizabeth Marie Kreager (Chardon)  
Sr. Mary Therese (Lynn) Betz (Florida)  
Sr. Mary Linde Yanick \*  
Sr. Mary Ann Burke (St. Joseph, Amherst)  
Sr. Barbara Knuff (ND Elem)  
Sr. Mary Vianni (Kristin) Denk (dec)  
Sr. Mary Popoczy (Elyria)

### Humility of Mary Sisters

Sr. Paulette Kirchensteiner  
Sr. Elaine Kirchensteiner \*  
Sr. Carol Miller \*  
Susan Geyer

### Dominican Nuns of Adrian, Michigan

Sr. Mary Conleth Byrne

### Poor Clare Colettine Nuns

Sr. St. John Gilmore

### Sisters of Providence

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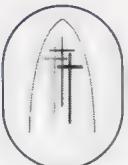
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Sr. Mary DePaul Betz

### Poor Clare Sisters

Sr. Maria Trinitas (Valerie)

\* left religious life or ministry



# New Wine

**O**n July 1, 1989, Father John P. McNulty became the fourth pastor of Holy Cross Parish. Fr. McNulty was born on June 13, 1946, one of nine children of Joseph and Brigid McNulty.

He earned an undergraduate degree in history from Borromeo Seminary. He also has master's degrees in Divinity from St. Mary's Seminary and Religious Studies from John Carroll University. He was ordained by Bishop Clarence Issenman on June 9, 1973. Before coming to Holy Cross, Fr. McNulty served as Associate Pastor at St. Martha Church in Akron, taught religion and was later chaplain at St.



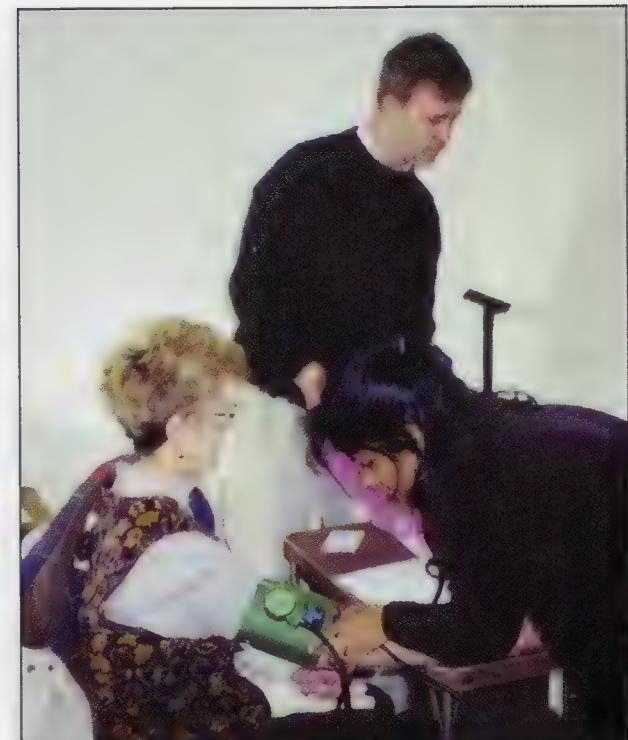
## I Remember...

"I'd say that the parish is great."

-John Rose Caron (9 years old)

Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron, Associate Pastor at St. Louis Church in Cleveland Heights, St. Richard Church in North Olmsted and St. Ann Church in Cleveland Heights.

The decade of the '90s has been a time of renewal in the parish, with more opportunities for service and activity, greater emphasis on adult education and formation, and an increased focus on life together as a community of faith and worship. Sacramental programs have been developed that include the whole family in sacramental preparation. With the establishment of the RCIA process, the parish has



Several new ministries formed during the '90s to meet parishioners' needs, including the Health and Wellness ministry. The group of health care professionals provide blood pressure screenings after Mass.

welcomed many new people into the Catholic community.

Our first pastoral associate, Sr. Kathleen

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- 10 Broiled Hamsteak served with Potatoe & Vegetable
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\*all Dinners include Soup, Salad Bar, and Desert



The music ministry expanded to include a children's choir, among other groups.

Flannery, OSU, arrived in July of 1990. Sr. Kathleen grew up in the parish, the oldest of 10 children of Frank and Mary Flannery. Before joining the staff here, she taught first and second grade at St. Clare and St. Mary Magdalene schools and served as a pastoral associate at St. Noel Parish. She has also worked in the Diocesan Office for Pastoral Liturgy as Co-coordinator of the Catechumenate.

Many new ministries have been formed to meet the needs of the parish community:

- The health and wellness ministry is a group of parishioners who work in health care, including doctors, nurses, therapists, counselors, dietitians and social workers. They do blood pressure screenings after Mass, give flu shots, and write educational articles and health tips for the bulletins. An important part of their ministry is to be available to parishioners who are trying to make decisions regarding health care issues or are having trouble sorting out medical papers or insurance forms; they will also arrange for volunteers to help with shopping or transportation.
- Newly registered parishioners are visited by a member of the welcoming committee, who answers any questions they may



Nursing Home in 1998.

## YOUTH GROUPS

The youth groups of Holy Cross began under the guidance of Sr. Marcia Carlisle. Members engage in such activities as L.I.F.E. - Living In Faith Experience, Senior High sleepovers, Lock-ins, overnight retreats, "proms" and famine

retreats to raise money for the hungry. These co-ed youth groups are now co-ordinated by Fr. Bill Bouhall.

The Youth Ministry visited Gateway



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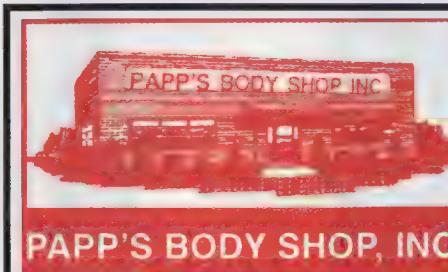
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A liturgy commission was formed in the early '90s to help plan special liturgical celebrations.

have about the parish and helps them to get involved with parish activities if they wish to do so. They are also given a gift bag with information about the parish

and some homemade baked goods. Similarly, baptism visitors call on families with a child about to be baptized, bringing with them a gift bag containing handmade baby booties, a greeting from the children in the school and PSR, a card for the godparents, and some fresh bakery.

- The Psalms remind us to sing a new song to the Lord, and Fr. Dan Schlegel inspired the parish to do so, giving us an enduring gift of music while he was Associate Pastor. The music ministry has been expanded with his help and now, under the direction of Jim Markel, includes an adult choir led by Mike Fox, a children's choir led by Sue Tanner, a contemporary group, the Buling family, and many cantors and musicians who use their gifts to enrich our weekend liturgies.
- Parishioners also serve the community as lectors, eucharistic ministers, ush-



## PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

The PTO is a coming together of faculty and parents for the betterment of the school. The monthly meetings of the group combine business, guest speakers and special programs. For fund raising, this organization sponsors fashion shows, bingo, reverse raffles, car raffles, annual Holiday plant sales and the Campbells' Soup Labels for Education program. In 1989, the PTO began its annual spaghetti dinner.

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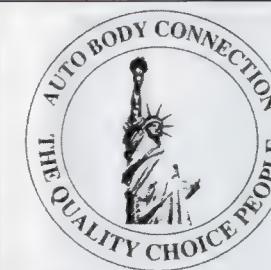
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Sharon Stupica became the school's first lay principal.

Sharon Stupica. In recent years the school has added a kindergarten, after-school program and hot lunch program. The building has been refurbished by the construction of the Esther Rossman Learning Research Center, a fully equipped computer lab and expanded library that opened in 1993. The hallways and classrooms were completely repainted by a hard-working group of parents. Enrollment has increased as more young families move into the parish. We now have 444 students, 17 teachers, and a number of persons providing special services.

The Parish School of Religion has 85 students in grades one through eight and 18 catechists.

In 1992, the Parish Pastoral Council was reorganized to conform to the new diocesan guidelines and a Finance Council was formed. Parish Council began hosting yearly town hall meetings to give parishioners a chance to make suggestions to the staff and council members, and to ask



Enrollment increased during the '90s as young families moved into the parish. The school currently serves over 440 students.

ers, catechists in the preschool and PSR, presiders over children's liturgy of the word, RCIA sponsors and team members, and as part of the pre-Cana or couple-to-couple ministries.

A liturgy commission was formed to help plan and coordinate special liturgical celebrations. They provide bulletin information that describes the particular day or liturgical season, and work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society to sponsor the Advent giving tree.

In 1992 parish council formed a five-year planning committee to look at all aspects of parish life, including the physical plant, education, demographics and spiritual and

## The church was kept open all afternoon to give parishioners a chance to linger for a last look and to say goodbye to the old worship space.

social needs. The committee would identify areas in need of attention and make recommendations about what could be done.

One problem that was immediately addressed was the lack of handicapped accessibility of the church and hall. In 1993 an elevator was installed beside the baptistry.

Further work by the committee and input from parishioners at a town hall meeting revealed many other areas of concern regarding the building: some of the steps and landings were crumbling, the church was not air-conditioned, the heating system was inadequate, the stained glass windows needed to be re-leaded to reduce heat loss, and the electrical and lighting systems were out-of-date.



The last Mass was held in the "old church" June 29, 1997.

In addition, the parish had no space for activities, and the layout of the church did not lend itself to liturgical celebrations according to the documents of the Second Vatican Council.



The 1997 renovation of the church took less than six months.



The old rectory was razed to make room for a new gym.



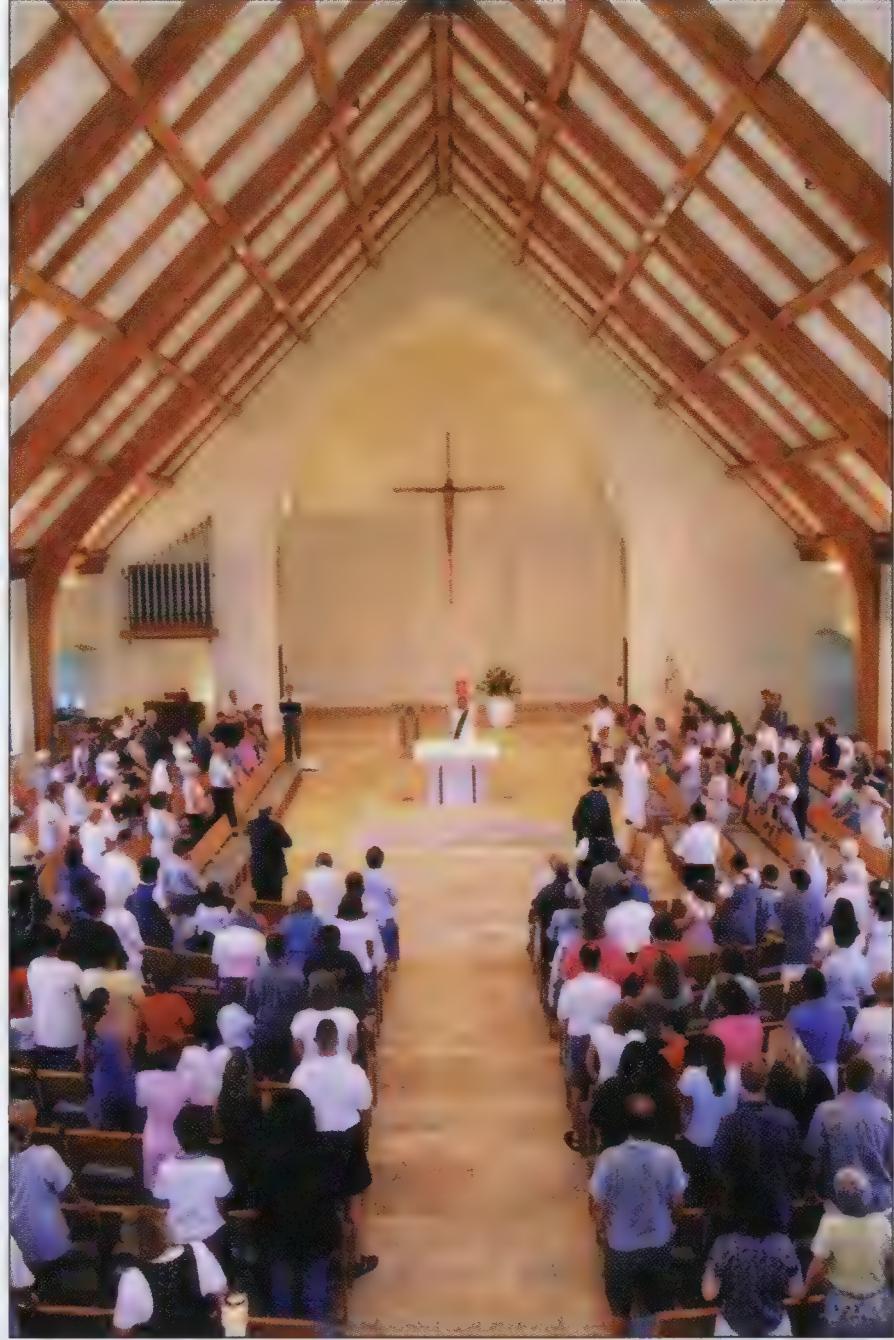
The choir loft was rebuilt to accommodate the new baptismal font.

It was clear that, after 40 years, the building was in need of much more than simple repairs so the parish embarked on the most ambitious project of the '90s - a complete renovation of the worship space and construction of a new gym. Committees were formed in 1994 to study the documents on liturgy to make recommendations for the renovation of the church building, and to work on a site plan for the gym. In the meantime, a major effort was made to inform parishioners about the reasons for the proposed changes to the church. The bulletin featured a series of articles, *Holy Gifts for Holy People*, that discussed the importance of both the worship space and the assembly in celebrating the liturgy; topics included the gathering area, baptismal font, space

for musicians, communion rail and placement of the altar, and the assembly as the primary symbol of worship. An adult education series, *Reflections on the Eucharist*, focused on the ways Mass is celebrated in other area parishes through videos and field trips to observe their liturgies.

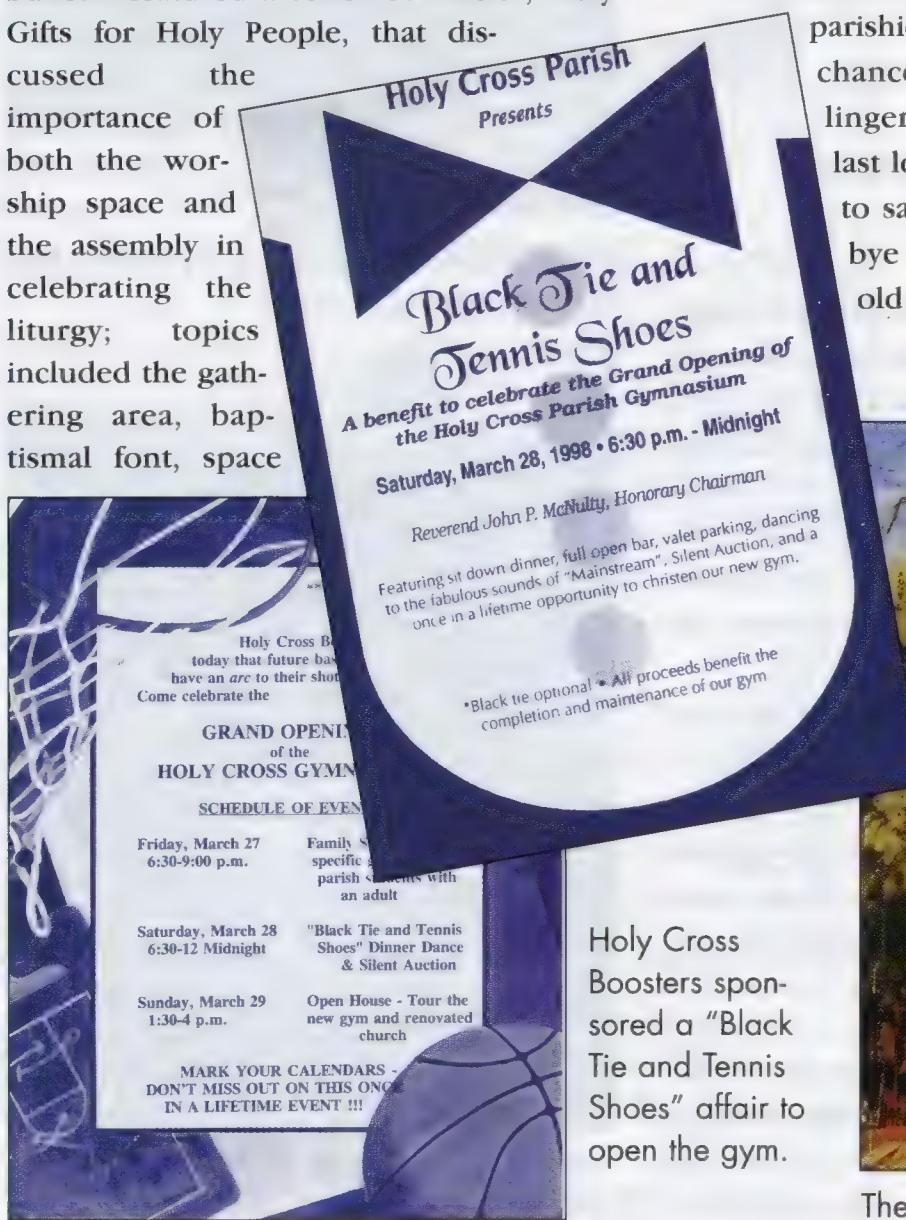
The next two years were filled with preparations, fund raising and many, many discussions with parishioners. The last Mass in the "old" church on June 29, 1997, ended with a procession downstairs into the hall, where Masses would be celebrated during the renovation. The church was kept open all afternoon to give parishioners a chance to linger for a last look and to say goodbye to the old worship space.

In less than six months,



With seating on three sides of the altar, parishioners get a sense of being gathered at the table of the Lord.

the rectory was razed and a new gym constructed between the church and school,



Holy Cross  
Boosters sponsored a "Black Tie and Tennis Shoes" affair to open the gym.



The gym under construction.



and the inside of the church was completely remodeled and updated. In addition to upgrades of the heating and electrical systems, the floor was replaced, the walls repaired, and the ceiling cleaned and lightened. The choir loft was rebuilt to accommodate a baptismal font just inside the main entrance, and a Blessed Sacrament chapel was constructed. The pews were replaced with chairs which can be moved to accommodate different kinds of liturgical celebrations. The new altar was placed closer to the center of the church, with seating on three sides to give the sense that we truly are gathered around the table of the Lord.

The work was finished in time for Christmas Masses to be celebrated upstairs.



### I Remember...

*"I got engaged in Church after 8:00 am Mass on July 26, 1988."*

*- Mrs. Richard Gurnick*

The Blessed Sacrament chapel was constructed during church renovations.

### RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) came to Holy Cross in 1990. RCIA, one of the sacramental rites revised after Vatican Council II, is responsible for welcoming new adult members into the Catholic Community, and initiating them into the Church.



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## A Diamond Anniversary

As the '90s draw to a close, the parish celebrates its 75th anniversary. The celebration began in September 1998 with the annual ice cream social commemorating the parish feast of the Triumph of the Cross. Some other highlights include:

- a golf outing at Briardale Greens



As part of the 75th anniversary celebration, the Euclid Civic Orchestra performed. Proceeds benefitted the Euclid Hunger Center.

- a lecture on the history of the parish by Fr. Tom Tifft, Academic Dean at St. Mary's Seminary
- performances by the Singing Angels and Euclid Civic Orchestra, which benefited the Euclid Hunger Center
- a presentation by Sr. Christine DeVinne of Ursuline College on the story depicted in our windows
- a special anniversary Mass was celebrated for all parishioners as a way to pray in support of one another in all of the commitments we make in the name of Christ
- a reunion for all Holy Cross School alumni.

The celebration will continue through our anniversary weekend September 17-19. A dinner-dance will be held Friday, September 17, at the East Side Irish-American Club, followed by a 5K run on Saturday. Bishop Anthony Pilla will consecrate the new altar and rededicate the church at a special Mass on the anniversary of the founding, September 19.

## THE BOOSTERS' CLUB

The Holy Cross Boosters' Club was created to help keep the sports program alive at the school. The club fields a volleyball team, basketball teams, track and cheerleading. The group has sponsored such things as a cheerleading clinic, summer basketball camp, rummage sales, dances, a sports banquet and CYO football and volleyball. All are invited to the Annual Nite at the Races. Members are those whose children participate in sports at the school, and officers are elected.

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# The Fruit of the Vine and the Work of Human Hands

**I**t is so fitting that the land in this parish was once planted in vineyards. The Scriptures are full of references to vines and wine and vineyards for good reason – wine is a powerful spiritual symbol.

Planting a vineyard is a courageous, life-changing act, for it takes many years for a vineyard to become productive. Time is the essential ingredient in wine making; it takes time in the ground for the vines to mature, time on the vine for the grapes to ripen, time in the barrel for the juice to ferment, and time in the bottle for the wine to properly age. The journey from the planting of young, bare-root vines in the

next is the gift of God and nature, the culmination of years of work, attention and preparation – a mystery in which the wine-maker merely participates.

Like a vineyard, a parish requires diligent tending and care. When given the right kind of attention, it thrives; when neglected, it withers and can easily die. Staff members and parishioners share the hard work of cultivating a parish; they

sweep the floors, arrange the flowers, light the candles, sing in the choir, proclaim the scriptures, write homilies, listen to homilies, develop programs, serve on committees, teach the children, raise money, pay the bills, buy and sell property, raise money and build buildings.

In time, their selfless labor creates a space in which something greater can happen, for God's gift to us is a miracle even more wondrous than the transcendent change of rain-

water into grape juice into wine; it is the ongoing transformation of ordinary human beings into divine works of art. As we learn to trust the work of the Spirit, we emerge from the shadowy tombs that once imprisoned us and come alive in a new way, our vision restored, our deepest hungers satisfied, and our burning thirsts quenched with living water. No longer hobbled by fear, anger, pride or greed, we rise and walk in the footsteps of Christ. The



Celebrating sacraments helps the parish grow in the image of Christ.

unending rituals of daily life and our shared celebrations of the seasons of the liturgical year continually form and reform us into the very image of God.

Holy Cross Parish is more than a place on the map – it is a place that we hold in our hearts – the place where we meet Jesus in one another, hear the stories of our lives echoed in scripture and song, and learn to participate in the mystery of God's transforming work; and we are more than just a group of people – we are pilgrims on a journey – living, learning, growing and praying together as we become the Body of Christ. We celebrate the 75 years of our history, give thanks for the blessings of this day, and look forward with confidence and hope to our future together as a community of faith.



Youngsters enjoy Vacation Bible School.

soil to the uncorking of the first vintage is an arduous one that tests the tenacity and skills of the winemaker. Anyone who would accept this challenge must be faithful to the seasonal rhythms of the land, the grapes and the cellar, and embrace the unremitting tasks of pruning, feeding, spraying, harvesting, crushing, racking and bottling. The winemaker establishes the conditions under which wine can form, then steps back and waits – what happens



## I Remember...

*"The lucky children chosen to clean the chalkboard erasers outside; more often than not, the erasers were 'clapped' against the side of the school building, leaving white marks on the brick."*



The 1999 First Communion class

# Priests who have served Holy Cross Parish

## Doctor Thomas Kirby, Pastor

Fr. William Rooney  
 Fr. Burt Delmege  
 Fr. Gail Hull  
 Fr. Michael B. Ivanko  
 Fr. John M. Koch  
 Fr. Casimer R. Pilatowski  
 Fr. John F. Gruss  
 Fr. Robert E. Murphy  
 Fr. Joseph R. Buescher

## 1924 - 1948

1930 - 33  
 1931 - 34  
 1934 - 38  
 1938 - 41  
 1941 - 42  
 1942 - 43  
 1943 - 46  
 1946 - 47  
 1947 - 54

+  
+  
+  
+ died here  
+  
+  
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(in res. 1980 - 1988)

## Fr. Ralph McMonagle, Pastor

Fr. Joseph A. Vargo  
 Fr. John R. Storey  
 Fr. William E. Black  
 Fr. James P. Kenny  
 Fr. James P. McDonough  
 Fr. John M. Tezie

## 1948 - 72

1950 - 52  
 1952 - 56  
 1954 - 59  
 1956 - 61  
 1958 - 63  
 1959 - 64

+  
 (left ministry)  
 retired at Regina Health Center  
 (left ministry)  
 +  
 +  
 Chaplain University Hospital,  
 Senior Associate St. John  
 Nepomucene

Fr. Robert N. Sawhill  
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 Fr. James E. Walzer  
 Fr. John Jenkins  
 Fr. Francis C. Mulvanity  
 Fr. Lee Sciarotta SM

1961 - 66  
 1963 - 68  
 1964 - 65  
 1966 - 71  
 1966 - 69, 1971  
 1968 - 69  
 1969 - 71  
 1971 - 75  
 1971 - 74  
 1971 - 73,  
 1974 - 76

+  
 Pastor, St. Matthew Parish, Akron  
 +  
 +  
 +  
 (left ministry)  
 + died here  
 Pastor, St. Paul, Akron  
 Pastor, St. Paul, Euclid

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Fr. Joseph G. Stolz  
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 Fr. Joseph F. Brodnick  
 Fr. Edward A. Burba  
 Msgr. Leo S. Schumacher

## 1972 - 1989

1976 - 1981  
 1978 - 1981  
 1982 - 1985  
 1986 - 1990  
 1987 - 1989

+  
 +  
 (on leave of absence)  
 Pastor, St. Mary, Akron  
 +

## Fr. John P. McNulty, Pastor

Fr. Richard Arko

## 1989 - present

1990 - 1994  
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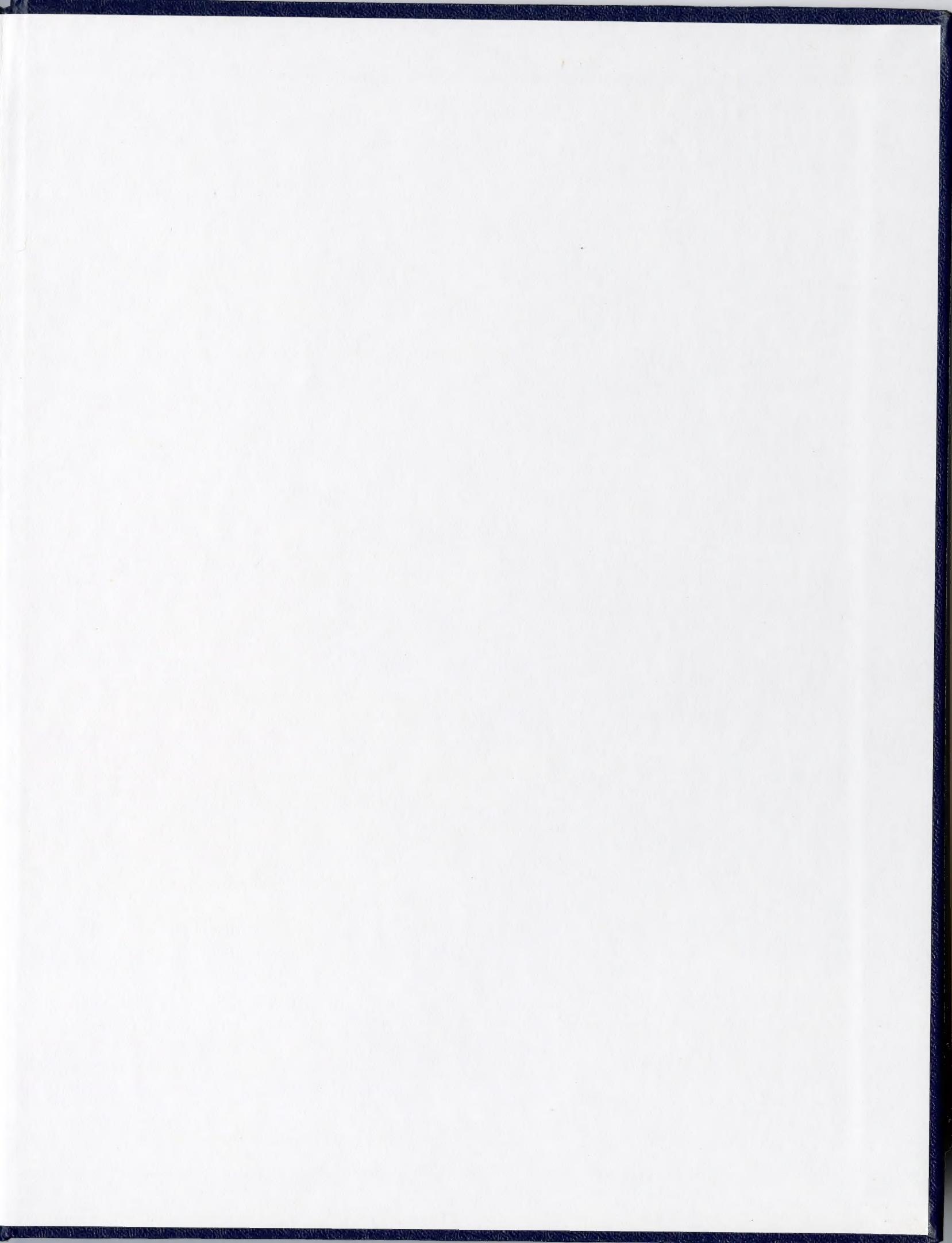
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